

*time of the return of the ordinance. If the mayor fails to return the ordinance at the next regularly scheduled meeting (or sooner) as aforesaid, then the ordinance shall become a law without his approval.*

#### **FILE OF ORDINANCES**

*22. Ordinances, when passed and approved by the mayor or when passed over his veto, shall be permanently filed in a book or books kept for that purpose.*

#### **SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

*23. The board of aldermen may appoint some person, not a member of the board of aldermen, to serve as secretary to the board of aldermen. The secretary to the board of aldermen shall perform such duties as may be required by the board of aldermen. His compensation shall be determined by the board of aldermen.*

#### **GENERAL POWERS**

*24. The board of aldermen shall have the power to pass all ordinances not contrary to the constitution and laws of Maryland or this charter, as it may deem necessary for the good government of the city; for the protection and preservation of the city's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order and for securing persons and property from violence, danger, or destruction; and for the protection of the health, comfort, and convenience of the residents of Frederick and visitors thereto and sojourners therein.*

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **THE MAYOR**

##### **TERM**

*25. The mayor shall be elected as hereinafter provided and shall hold office for a term of four years or until his successor is elected and qualified. The regular term of the mayor shall expire on the second Thursday in July in each regular city election year. The mayor holding office at the time this charter becomes effective shall continue to hold office until the second Thursday in July, 1954.*

##### **QUALIFICATIONS**

*26. The mayor must have been a legal resident of Frederick for at least three years immediately preceding his election and must be a qualified voter of the city.*