

## ARTICLE II

## TOWN COMMISSIONERS

46. (*Form of Government*) All legislative and executive powers of the Town shall be vested in three (3) Town Commissioners to be elected as hereinafter provided.

47. (*Qualifications*) The Town Commissioners shall be adult residents of the Town for two years immediately preceding their election, shall be qualified voters in the Town, each of whom shall hold or own real estate in said Town, either individually or as co-owner, of which his interest shall have an assessed value of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more, and for the purposes of this section, a co-tenant by the entireties shall be construed to hold and own a one-half interest.

48. (*Term*) Each of the Town Commissioners now holding said office, or his duly qualified successor, shall hold such office for the term for which he was elected or appointed. One Town Commissioner shall be elected for a term of two years at an election to be held on the first Monday of April in the year nineteen fifty-four. One Town Commissioner shall be elected for a term of one year at an election to be held on the first Monday of April in the year nineteen fifty-five. Three Town Commissioners shall be elected for terms of two years at an election to be held on the first Monday of April in the year nineteen fifty-six. Thereafter three Town Commissioners shall be elected bi-annually for terms of two years. Each of the Town Commissioners so elected as aforesaid shall hold office from the first Thursday in April next succeeding his election, or until his successor has been duly elected or appointed and qualified.

49. (*Oath of Office*) Before entering upon the duties of his office, each of said Town Commissioners shall qualify by making the declaration of religious belief and taking and subscribing to the oath prescribed by the Constitution of Maryland before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, who shall certify to the Town Clerk that such oath has been administered, which certification shall be filed and recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Commissioners.

50. (*Bonds*) And before entering upon the duties of his office, each of said Town Commissioners shall give corporate surety bond payable to the State of Maryland in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) con-