

*Every ordinance shall be submitted to the Mayor for his signature, and shall not take effect without his signature, except as follows:*

*(1) The Mayor may veto any ordinance by filing with the City Clerk within five days a statement of his refusal to sign it, with his reasons therefor. The City Clerk shall call the veto to the attention of the Council at its next session. At such session or the one following, the Council may overrule the Mayor's veto by an affirmative vote of not less than five Councilmen. By an affirmative vote of not less than five Councilmen, an ordinance may be declared an emergency measure, in which case it shall not be subject to the Mayor's veto. If an ordinance is declared an emergency measure by a majority of the Councilmen present, but not by as many as five Councilmen, the time allowed the Mayor to sign or veto shall be reduced to 24 hours.*

*(2) If the Mayor has neither signed nor vetoed an ordinance within five days after its adoption, or within 24 hours in case of an emergency measure (declared such by a majority of less than five Councilmen), the City Clerk shall so certify on the copy of the ordinance on the minute book (or at the place in the minute book where the adoption of the ordinance is recorded, if it is not set out in full in the minute book), and the ordinance shall in such case be valid in the same manner as if the Mayor had signed it. In case of an emergency measure vetoed within 24 hours by the Mayor, the City Clerk shall promptly notify each Councilman of the veto; if any five Councilmen thereafter record at the City Clerk's office their vote to overrule the Mayor's veto, the ordinance shall go into effect without waiting for the next session of the Council.*

In the absence of the Mayor at any meeting, the Councilman designated in Sub-section 104-4s to act as Mayor in case of the absence or disability of the Mayor shall preside; if such Councilman is also absent, the Council shall designate one of the Councilmen present to preside; a Councilman presiding in the absence of the Mayor shall retain his vote as Councilman, but shall have no additional vote in case of a tie.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall not become effective unless and until it shall be approved by the voters of Takoma Park at the general city election to be held in March, 1954. There shall be printed on the ballots or voting machines used at the said election the words "Amendments to the City Charter to give the Mayor a veto power, subject to overriding by five members of the*