

7. *And be it enacted,* That no person shall be mayor of the said town unless he shall be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States, above the age of twenty-one years, a freeholder in the said town, within the taxable limits thereof, actually residing therein, and having resided therein for three years next preceding his election; no person shall be an alderman of the said town, unless he shall be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States, above the age of twenty-one years, actually taxed by the laws of the corporation, residing within the taxable limits of the town, and having resided therein three years next preceding his election; and no person shall be a member of the common council unless he shall be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States, above the age of twenty-one years, a freeholder in the ward for which he shall be elected, residing therein, and having resided within the taxable limits of the said town one year next preceding his election.

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Qualifications of mayor, &c.

8. *And be it enacted,* That in case of the death, refusal, disqualification, resignation, or removal of the mayor out of the taxable limits of the town, the aldermen, for the time being, shall elect a mayor for the residue of the term; and in case of the death, refusal, disqualification, resignation, or removal of an alderman, out of the taxable limits of the town, the board of aldermen, and the common council, for the time being, shall proceed to elect by joint ballot, an alderman to fill the vacancy for the residue of the term; and in case of the death, refusal, disqualification, resignation, or removal out of the taxable limits of the town, of a member of the common council, an election shall be made by the voters of the ward wherein the vacancy happened, to fill the vacancy.

Vacancies.

9. *And be it enacted,* The aldermen and common council shall hold their first session at the court-house in Frederick, or at some other place within said town, on the third Monday in March, eighteen hundred and seventeen, and they shall meet on the third Monday in March in every year thereafter, but the mayor may summon them to convene whenever, and as often as it may appear to him that the interest of the corporation may require their deliberation; a majority of the aldermen and common council shall be a quorum to do business in their respective branches, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day; they may compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties, as they may by ordinance provide; each branch shall appoint their respective presidents, who shall preside at their sessions, and shall vote on all questions; they shall settle their rules of proceedings, appoint their own officers, and remove them at pleasure; they shall judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of their own members, and may with the concurrence of three-fourths of the whole, expel any member for disorderly behaviour, or malconduct in office, but not a second time for the same cause; they shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and enter the yeas and nays on any question, resolve, or ordinance, at the request of any member, and their deliberations shall be public.

Aldermen and common council to meet, &c.

10. *And be it enacted,* That the aldermen and common council shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all laws

— their power