

Section 204. *Compensation*

The compensation of the County Executive shall be prescribed by the Council by law. The Council shall not change the compensation of any County Executive during the term of office to which he was elected.

Section 205. *Vacancy*

A vacancy in the office of County Executive shall exist upon the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal of the County Executive. The Council, by a vote of not less than four members, shall elect from among its members a successor to fill the vacancy. The Chief Administrative Officer shall act as County Executive and perform all the duties of that office until such time as the vacancy has been filled.

Section 206. *Removal of the County Executive*

The County Executive may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of not less than five members of the Council after a public hearing and upon a finding that he has been convicted of a felony, or is unable by reason of physical or mental disability to perform the duties of his office. The decision of the Council may be appealed by the County Executive within ten days to the Circuit Court by petition. Upon the filing of a petition, the Court may stay the removal pending its decision. Upon appeal, the Court may make de novo determinations of fact.

Section 207. *Temporary Absence or Disability*

In the event of the temporary absence or disability of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer shall perform the duties of the County Executive, unless the County Executive shall designate in writing some other person in the Executive Branch.

Section 208. *Veto*

Upon the enactment of any legislation by the Council, it shall be delivered within three days to the County Executive who within ten days thereafter shall approve or disapprove it. If the County Executive disapproves such legislation, he shall return it to the Council with the reasons for his disapproval stated in writing. The Council may, by the affirmative vote of five members, enact legislation over the disapproval of the County Executive. Any legislation which has been neither approved nor disapproved by the County Executive, shall become law on the fourteenth day after enactment.

Section 209. *Information on Executive Branch*

The County Executive shall provide the Council with any information concerning the Executive Branch that the Council may require for the exercise of its powers.

Section 210. *Chief Administrative Officer*

The County Executive shall appoint a Chief Administrative Officer subject to confirmation by the Council. The Chief Administrative Officer shall be a professionally qualified administrator. He shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. His compensation shall be determined by the County Executive subject to the approval of the Council.

Section 211. *Duties of the Chief Administrative Officer*

The Chief Administrative Officer shall, subject to the direction of the County Executive, supervise all departments, offices, and agencies of the executive branch, and advise the County Executive on all administrative matters. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the County Executive, or by this Charter.