

or necessary. Among other things, these rules and regulations may provide for competitive examinations, the use of eligible lists, a classification plan, a compensation plan, a probation period, appeals by employees included within the classified service from dismissal or other disciplinary action, and vacation and sick leave regulations. The town may request and avail itself of the facilities of the Commissioner of State Personnel for the administration of its merit system, as provided in State law.

66. UNCLASSIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SERVICE

(a) Civil service divided into unclassified and classified service.—The civil service of the town shall be divided into the unclassified and classified service.

(b) Unclassified service.—The unclassified service shall comprise the following offices and positions, which shall not be included within the merit system.

(1) The mayor, the councilmen and persons appointed to fill vacancies in these positions.

(2) The clerk-treasurer and the town attorney.

(3) The heads of all offices, departments, and agencies and members of town boards and commissions.

(4) Part-time, temporary, and unpaid offices and positions.

(c) Classified services.—The classified service shall comprise all positions not specifically included by this section in the unclassified service. All offices and positions included in the classified service shall be subject to any merit system rules and regulations which may be adopted.

67. PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES

(a) Prohibitions.—If a merit system is adopted, no person in the classified service of the town or seeking admission thereto shall be appointed, promoted, demoted, removed, or in any way favored or discriminated against because of his political or religious opinions or affiliations or any other factors not related to ability to perform work; no person shall wilfully or corruptly commit or attempt to commit any fraud preventing the impartial execution of the personnel provisions of this charter or of the rules and regulations made thereunder; no officer or employee in the classified service of the town shall continue in such position after becoming a candidate for nomination or election to any public office; no person seeking appointment to or promotion in the classified service of the town shall either directly or indirectly give, render, or pay any money, service, or other valuable thing to any person for or on account of or in connection with his appointment, proposed appointment, promotion, or proposed promotion; no person shall orally, by letter or otherwise, solicit or be in any manner concerned in soliciting any assessment, subscription, or contribution for any political party or political purpose whatever from any person holding a position in the classified service of the town; no person holding a position in the classified service of the town shall make any contribution to the campaign funds of any political party or any candidate for public office or take any part in the management, affairs, or political campaign of any political party or candidate for public office, further than in the exercises of his right as a citizen to express his opinion and to cast his vote.