

[e.] f. Oath of Office. Every officer and Councilman, exclusive of the Mayor of the **[Town,] City**, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation, to be made before the Mayor, a signed copy to be filed and kept in the office of the **[Town Clerk:] Administrative Officer:**

"I, swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and support the Constitution and laws thereof, and that I will, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of of the City of New Carrollton, according to the Constitution and laws of this State and the Charter of this City."

The Mayor shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe to the same oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, or before one of his sworn deputies.

d. Council: Powers and Duties. The Council shall be the legislative body of the City, and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are or may be conferred upon it by this Charter and by the ordinances of the City, including but not limited to the enactment of all ordinances, resolutions and policies, consistent with the provisions of this Charter and with the laws of the State of Maryland, and of the United States, necessary for the proper government of the City. The members of the Council shall receive such salary or compensation as the Council shall fix, provided that any increase in salary or compensation voted by the Council shall not go into effect until approved by the voters at the next general election. At the first meeting of each new Council, the Council shall elect from among its members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. The Chairman of the Council will act as presiding officer during meetings of the Council. The Vice Chairman of the Council will act in the capacity of Chairman during the Chairman's temporary absence or disability.

g. Citizen Advisory Boards. The Mayor, the Council, or a member of the Council may appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary boards of citizens of the City who shall assist in the consideration of City policies and programs, provided that the Council must approve of any public funds expended by such advisory boards in the execution of their charge.

h. Definitions. The terms "City", "Municipality", or "Municipal Corporation" when used in this Charter shall be synonymous, and shall refer to the "City of New Carrollton". The terms "Mayor" and "Council" when used in this Charter shall refer to the Mayor of the City of New Carrollton and to the City Council of the City of New Carrollton, respectively.

i. Transitional Provisions. Upon the effective date of this amendment, the Mayor and the two Councilmen elected to office at the general election in May, 1970 shall continue in their respective offices until after the May 1972 general election when their successors have been duly elected and installed, and the two Councilmen elected to office at the general election in May 1971 shall continue in their respective offices until after the May 1973 general election when their successors have been duly elected and qualified. The candidate for Councilman receiving the third highest number of votes at the May 1971 general election shall, upon the effective date of this amendment, be declared duly elected to the office of Councilman, and shall serve until after the May 1973 general election, when his successor has been duly elected and qualified. This Councilman shall assume the duties of his office upon being duly qualified and sworn in at the first regular meeting of the Council following the effective date of this amendment.