

BE IT RESOLVED, that Chapter 8, Section 642 of the 1953 Edition and more particularly Section 573 of the 1960 Edition of the Charter and Ordinances of the Town of Westernport, reading as follows:

Section 573. (a) The citizens of said Town of Westernport of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, being citizens of the United States of America who shall have resided in said town for and during a space of six months next preceding any municipal election, shall be qualified to vote at any municipal election of officers in said town, and the qualified voters are hereby authorized on the fourth Tuesday of May in the year 1954, and biennially thereafter at the usual place of holding elections in said town, or at such place or places as shall be designated by the Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport, to elect one person who shall have resided within the limits thereof at least two years next preceding said election, be a qualified voter therein and assessed in his own name or as a tenant by the entireties for town taxes for the immediate preceding year upon a real estate valuation of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more. The said Mayor shall serve for two years and until his successor is elected and qualified and shall preside at all meetings of the Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport, and shall be entitled to vote upon all matters pending before them, and shall execute all ordinances passed by them, and in the absence of the Mayor at any meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport, the Commissioners may appoint a President, who shall have all of the powers of the Mayor, except to sign ordinances. The qualified voters are at the same time and place authorized and directed to elect four Commissioners for the said town who shall have resided within the limits of the same for at least two years next preceding the election, be qualified voters at said municipal election and each assessed in his own name or as tenants by the entireties for town taxation for the immediate preceding year upon a real estate valuation of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or more, each of whom shall serve for a term of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Annually the Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport, at their first meeting, which shall be on the first Monday of June or as soon as possible thereafter, select one person to serve as Bailiff of said town until the first Monday of June of the following year and until his successor is selected and qualified. On the first Monday of June 1954, they shall appoint one person as Clerk of said town, who shall serve for one year, and on the first Monday of June 1955, and biennially thereafter they shall appoint a Clerk for a term of two years and until his successor is appointed and qualified. The said Mayor and Commissioners shall have the power to fill by appointment all vacancies occurring from death, removal, resignation or any other cause, whether in the office of Mayor or Commissioner or in any other office provided for this subtitle. The said Mayor and each of said Commissioners, and the Clerk and Bailiff shall qualify by taking and subscribing the following Oath to be administered by some Justice of the Peace for Allegany County: "I,, do swear that I will execute the office of Mayor, Commissioner, Clerk or Bailiff, of the Town of Westernport, as the same may be, the best of my ability, without favor, partiality or prejudice." Which oath shall be filed in the town records.

(b) The Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport shall have the general and exclusive control and supervision over all of the departments concerned with the town's affairs, and shall have power to make and enforce such rules and regulations as they may see fit and proper for the organization, management, and operation of all departments of said town and over whatever agencies may be created for the administration of its affairs.