

TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE, SHALL BE A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS FOR AT LEAST TWO (2) YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE ELECTION, AND SHALL BE A QUALIFIED VOTER IN THE CITY. EACH COUNCILMAN SHALL MAINTAIN A PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE.

5-0 SALARY OF COUNCILMEN. EACH COUNCILMAN SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF NOT LESS THAN SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$600.00) PER YEAR. THE COMPENSATION OF COUNCILMEN MAY BE CHANGED BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY INCREASE OR DECREASE IN COMPENSATION WHICH BECOMES LAW DURING ONE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE BEFORE THE NEXT TERM.

6-0 MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL HAVE POWER TO MEET AND ADJOURN FROM TIME TO TIME AS THEY SHALL THINK PROPER, EXCEPT THAT THEY SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE IN EVERY MONTH. THE MAYOR SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL THEIR MEETINGS, VOTE ONLY IN CASE OF A TIE VOTE AND REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL SUPERSEDED BY THE ELECTION OF A NEW MAYOR. SPECIAL MEETINGS SHALL BE CALLED BY THE MAYOR OR A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. ALL MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN SHALL HAVE A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT ANY MEETING IN REGARD TO ANY MUNICIPAL QUESTIONS.

7-0 COUNCIL TO BE JUDGE OF QUALIFICATION OF ITS MEMBERS. THE COUNCIL SHALL BE THE JUDGE OF THE ELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS.

8-0 QUORUM. A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS, BUT NO ORDINANCE SHALL BE APPROVED WITHOUT THE FAVORABLE VOTES OF A MAJORITY OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL.

9-0 PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL. THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE ITS OWN RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS. IT SHALL KEEP A JOURNAL OF ITS PROCEEDINGS AND ENTER THEREIN THE YEAS AND NAYS UPON FINAL ACTION ON ANY QUESTION, RESOLUTION, OR ORDINANCE, OR AT ANY OTHER TIME IF REQUIRED BY ANY ONE MEMBER. THE JOURNAL SHALL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION.

10-0 VACANCIES IN THE COUNCIL. VACANCIES IN THE COUNCIL SHALL BE FILLED AS PROVIDED IN THIS CHARTER.

11-0 PROCEDURE FOR ENACTING ORDINANCES.

11-1. NO ORDINANCE SHALL BE PASSED AT THE MEETING AT WHICH IT IS INTRODUCED, AT ANY REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD NOT LESS THAN SIX NOR MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE MEETING AT WHICH AN ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED, IT SHALL BE PASSED, OR PASSED AS AMENDED, OR REJECTED, OR ITS CONSIDERATION DEFERRED TO SOME SPECIFIC FUTURE DATE. IN CASES OF EMERGENCY DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE WAITING PERIOD REQUIREMENT MAY BE SUSPENDED BY THE MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WHO ARE PRESENT.