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Executive of the Town. The Clerk-Administrative Assistant shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council.

### -22.1. (d) Town Attorney

The Mayor with the approval of the Council may appoint a Town Attorney. The Town Attorney shall be a member of the Bar of the Maryland Court of Appeals. The Town Attorney is legal advisor of the Town and shall perform such duties in this connection as may be required by the Council. The Town has the power to employ other authorized additional legal services as it deems necessary from time to time.

# -22.2. Authority to employ personnel

The Town may employ such officers and employees covered in the approved budget as it deems necessary to execute the powers and duties provided by this Charter or other State law and to operate the Town government.

## -22.3. Removals and Suspensions

The Mayor with the approval of the Council shall have the power to remove or temporarily suspend from office any person who has been appointed to any municipal office and/or any person employed by the town who, after due notice and hearing, is adjudged to have been guilty of inefficiency, malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance, misconduct in office or insubordination and to fill the vacancy caused by such removal or suspension.

## -22.4. Merit System Authorized

The Town may provide for appointments and promotions in the administrative service on the basis of merit and fitness. To carry out this purpose, the Council may adopt such rules and regulations governing the operation of the merit system as it deems desirable or necessary. Among other things these rules and regulations may provide for competitive exams, the use of eligible lists, a classification plan, a compensation plan, a probation period, appeals by employees.

#### -22.5. Unclassified and Classified Services

The Town Civil Service shall be divided into unclassified and classified service.

#### -22.51. Unclassified service

The unclassified service shall comprise the following offices and positions which shall not be