

MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

THE COUNCIL

5. NUMBER OF COUNCILMEN; SELECTION; TERM.

ALL LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF THE TOWN ARE VESTED IN A COUNCIL CONSISTING OF FOUR COUNCILMEN WHO SHALL BE ELECTED AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED AND WHO SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS OR UNTIL THE SUCCEEDING COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE. THE REGULAR TERM OF COUNCILMEN SHALL EXPIRE ON THE SECOND MONDAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF THEIR SUCCESSORS. COUNCILMEN HOLDING OFFICE AT THE TIME THIS CHARTER BECOME EFFECTIVE SHALL CONTINUE TO HOLD OFFICE FOR THE TERM FOR WHICH THEY WERE ELECTED AND UNTIL THE SUCCEEDING COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHARTER.

6. QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNCILMEN.

COUNCILMEN SHALL HAVE RESIDED IN THE TOWN FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THEIR ELECTION AND SHALL BE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN.

7. SALARY OF COUNCILMEN.

EACH COUNCILMAN SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY WHICH SHALL BE EQUAL FOR ALL COUNCILMEN AND SHALL BE AS SPECIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME BY AN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE COUNCIL IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF ITS BUSINESS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SALARY SPECIFIED AT THE TIME ANY COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE SHALL NOT BE CHANGED DURING THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THAT COUNCIL WAS ELECTED. THE ORDINANCE MAKING ANY CHANGE IN THE SALARY PAID TO THE SEVERAL COUNCILMEN, EITHER BY WAY OF INCREASE OR DECREASE, SHALL BE FINALLY ORDAINED PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE NEXT SUCCEEDING COUNCIL AND SHALL TAKE EFFECT ONLY AS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEXT SUCCEEDING COUNCIL.

8. MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT 8:00 P.M. ON THE SECOND MONDAY FOLLOWING ITS ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION, AFTER WHICH THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET REGULARLY AT SUCH TIMES AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY ITS RULES BUT NOT LESS FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE EACH MONTH. SPECIAL MEETINGS SHALL BE CALLED BY THE CLERK-TREASURER UPON THE REQUEST OF 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 RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN SHALL HAVE A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT ANY MEETING IN REGARD TO ANY MUNICIPAL QUESTION.

9. COUNCIL TO BE JUDGE OF QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS