

## MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

## 98. OATH OF OFFICE.

(A) OATH REQUIRED. — BEFORE ENTERING UPON THE DUTIES OF THEIR OFFICES, THE MAYOR, THE COUNCILMEN, THE CLERK-TREASURER, THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO ANY OFFICE OF PROFIT OR TRUST IN THE TOWN GOVERNMENT SHALL TAKE AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE FOLLOWING OATH OF AFFIRMATION: "I, ....., DO SWEAR (OR AFFIRM, AS THE CASE MAY BE), 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, TO THE BEST OF MY SKILL AND JUDGMENT, DELIGENTLY AND FAITHFULLY, WITHOUT PARTIALITY OR PREJUDICE, EXECUTE THE OFFICE OF ....., ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THIS STATE."

(B) BEFORE WHOM TAKEN AND SUBSCRIBED. — THE MAYOR SHALL TAKE AND SUBSCRIBE TO THIS OATH OR AFFIRMATION BEFORE THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OR BEFORE ONE OF THE SWORN DEPUTIES OF THE CLERK. ALL OTHER PERSONS TAKING AND SUBSCRIBING TO THE OATH SHALL DO SO BEFORE THE MAYOR.

## 99. OFFICIAL BONDS.

THE CLERK-TREASURER AND SUCH OTHER OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN AS THE COUNCIL OR THIS CHARTER MAY REQUIRE, SHALL GIVE BOND IN SUCH AMOUNT AND WITH SUCH SURETY AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL. THE PREMIUMS ON SUCH BONDS SHALL BE PAID BY THE TOWN.

## 100. PRIOR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

ALL RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST HELD BY THE TOWN OF ANY OTHER PERSON OR CORPORATION AT THE TIME THIS CHARTER IS ADOPTED, IN AND TO ANY LIEN ACQUIRED UNDER ANY PRIOR CHARTER OF THE TOWN, ARE HEREBY PRESERVED FOR THE HOLDER IN ALL RESPECTS AS IF THIS CHARTER HAD NOT BEEN ADOPTED, TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES IN RELATION THERETO. THIS CHARTER SHALL NOT DISCHARGE, IMPAIR, OR RELEASE ANY CONTRACT, OBLIGATION, DUTY, LIABILITY, OR PENALTY WHATEVER EXISTING AT THE TIME THIS CHARTER BECOMES EFFECTIVE. ALL SUITS AND ACTIONS, BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL, PENDING, OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER BE INSTITUTED FOR CAUSES OF ACTION NOW EXISTING OR OFFENSES ALREADY COMMITTED AGAINST ANY LAW OR ORDINANCE REPEALED BY THIS CHARTER, SHALL BE INSTITUTED, PROCEEDED WITH, AND PROSECUTED TO FINAL DETERMINATION AND JUDGMENT AS IF THIS CHARTER HAD NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE.

## 101. MISDEMEANORS.