

**Sec. 600 City elected officers.**

No person shall be eligible to hold any elective office in the City including Mayor, City Council, Chief of Police Department and City Clerk, unless he or she is a resident and a qualified registered elector of the City.

The elective officers of the City shall consist of a City Council composed of seven members, the Chief of the Police Department and the City Clerk. The members of the City Council, (which includes the office of the Mayor), the Chief of the Police Department and the City Clerk shall be elected from the City at large at the times and in the manner provided in this Charter. Except as otherwise herein provided, a person elected to an office for other than an unexpired term, shall serve a term of four years, and shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified. The term shall commence on the date the City Council certifies the canvass of the election returns submitted to it by the County Registrar of Voters.

The person receiving the most votes cast for a particular City office shall be declared duly elected. Ties shall be broken as provided from time to time by ordinance.

The office of Mayor shall be separately voted upon and is a separate office. The person elected at any election to the office designated "Mayor" shall be deemed elected, both as a Mayor and as a member of the Council. Although the Mayor is a Council member, his or her election does not change the number of Council members from seven.

No person shall be a candidate for both Mayor and a City Council seat at the same election. However, an incumbent member of the City Council may run for the elective office of Mayor, and the Mayor may run for the separate office of Mayor or other City Council office. However, at no time shall a member of the Council, including the Mayor, hold more than one City elective office. Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this Charter, no incumbent member of the City Council while serving in such office with an unexpired term of more than six months shall be a candidate for any numbered Council seat other than the one which he or she holds. (Added by electors at election held November 7, 1972, approved by Senate Concurrent Resolution (1973 Stats., Res. Ch. 10); Amended

by electors at an election held March 7, 2000, Charter Chapter 11 of the *State Statutes of 2000*)

**Sec. 702 Compensation.**

Commencing on July 1, 2017, each member of the City Council, other than the Mayor, shall receive as compensation the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per month. The Mayor shall receive as compensation the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per month.

Commencing on July 1, 2019, and every two years on July 1 thereafter, the compensation of the City Council and Mayor shall be set by a Salary Setting Commission consisting of five members to be appointed by the Civil Service Commission from the qualified electors of the City for a term of four years. The first members shall be appointed for a term commencing January 1, 2019. Initially, the Commissioners shall be appointed in a manner so that two are appointed for two-year terms and three are appointed for four-year terms. On or before March 15 of every odd year, the Salary Setting Commission shall establish the salary of the Mayor and members of the City Council for the period commencing July 1 of that odd year and ending two years thereafter. Salaries so established by the Commission shall not exceed one hundred ten percent (110%) of the previous figure.

If a member of the City Council, including the Mayor, does not attend all meetings of the City Council or study sessions called on order of the City Council and held during the month, the compensation to him/her for such month shall be reduced by the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each meeting or study session not attended unless he/she is absent with the consent of or on order of the City Council.

Absence from five consecutive regular meetings, unless excused by resolution of the City Council, shall operate to vacate the seat of any member of the City Council so absent. (As amended by electors at election held November 5, 1968, approved by Joint Resolution of the Legislature filed with the Secretary of State January 15, 1969; Amended by electors at an election held March 7, 2000, Charter Chapter 11 of the *State Statutes of 2000*; Amended by electors at an election held November 8, 2016, Charter Chapter 17 of the *State Statutes of 2017*)



**Sec. 903 City clerk; powers and duties.**

The City Clerk shall have the power and be required to:

- (a) Attend all meetings of the City Council and be responsible for the recording and maintaining of a full and true record of all the proceedings of the City Council in books that shall bear appropriate titles and be devoted to such purposes;
- (b) Maintain separate books, in which shall be recorded respectively all ordinances and resolutions, with the certificate of the clerk annexed to each thereof stating the same to be the original or a correct copy, and as to an ordinance requiring publication, stating that the same has been published or posted in accordance with this Charter;
- (c) Maintain separate books, in which a record shall be made of all written contracts and official bonds;
- (d) Keep all aforementioned books properly indexed and open to public inspection when not in actual use;
- (e) Be the custodian of the seal of the City;
- (f) Administer oaths or affirmations, take affidavits and depositions pertaining to the affairs and business of the City and certify copies of official records; and
- (g) Have charge of all City elections.

The City Council may, in its discretion, appoint any other officer or employee of the City as City Clerk and grant such person additional compensation for the performance of such duties.

**Sec. 906 Chief of the Police Department.**

The Chief of Police shall have power and be required to:

- (a) Preserve the public peace;
- (b) Execute and return all process issued to him/her by legal authority; and
- (c) Exercise all the powers that are now or may hereafter be conferred upon sheriffs and other police officers by the laws of the State. (Amended by electors

at an election held March 7, 2000, Charter Chapter 11 of the State *Statutes of 2000*)

**Sec. 1101 Classified service.**

The civil service of the City shall be divided into the unclassified and classified service.

(a) The unclassified service shall comprise the following offices and positions:

- (1) All elective officers;
- (2) City Manager;
- (3) City Attorney;
- (4) City Clerk;
- (5) City Auditor;
- (6) The head of each department, including but not limited to, the Director of Finance, Director of Public Works and Utilities, City Engineer, Chief of the Police Department, Chief of the Fire Department;
- (7) The Assistant City Manager, Assistant City Attorney, and Assistant Department Heads, whenever so designated by the City Council;
- (8) All members of boards and commissions;
- (9) Persons employed for a temporary or special purpose, for a period not to exceed six months in any one calendar year, if the City Manager certifies that such employment is temporary and that the work shall not be performed by employees in the classified service;
- (10) Persons employed to render professional, scientific, technical or expert service of an occasional and exceptional character;
- (11) Volunteer members of the Fire Department and Police Reserve; and,
- (12) The City Council by ordinance may divide or separate any department of the City into divisions and by ordinance may provide that the

employee selected to be the head of any such division shall be in the unclassified service.

(b) The classified service shall comprise all positions not specifically included in this section in the unclassified service. (As amended 1965 Statutes, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 74, Chapter 101; Amended by electors at an election held March 7, 2000, Charter Chapter 11 of the State *Statutes of 2000*)