

Sec. 401 Disposal of public utility.

No public utility owned by the City shall be sold, leased or otherwise transferred unless authorized by the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the electors voting on such proposition at any election at which the question of such disposal is submitted to the electors.

Article V. Form of Government**Sec. 500 Form of government.**

The municipal government provided by this Charter shall be known as the "Council Manager" form of government.

Article VI. The Elective Officers**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. 600.01 Municipal elections.

Commencing with the year 2000, a regular election shall be held in the City of Santa Clara on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even numbered years. The regular election shall be held for the election of each municipal elective officer whose term of office regularly expires at that time, and for such other purposes as the Council may prescribe. Each such regular election shall be known as the general municipal election of the City, and shall be in lieu of all others previously so called. All other municipal elections that may be called under the authority of this Charter, or the California Elections Code, shall be known as spe-