

**Article IV
The Mayor**

§ 401: Selection and Term

The mayor shall be elected from within the corporate limits of the town at large as hereinafter provided and shall hold office for a term of two years or until the succeeding mayor takes office. The regular term of the mayor shall expire on the first Monday in June following the election and qualification of his successor.

§ 402: Qualifications

The mayor must be at least 25 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a qualified voter in the town, and shall have resided within the corporate limits of the town for at least one (1) year immediately preceding election.

§ 403: Compensation of Mayor

The mayor shall receive an annual salary as set from time to time by ordinance passed by the council in the regular course of its business; provided, however, that the salary specified at the time the mayor takes office shall not be changed during the term for which the mayor was elected. The ordinance making any change in the salary paid to the mayor, either by way of increase or decrease, shall be passed prior to a regular biennial town election and shall become effective on the first Monday in June following that election.

§ 404: Powers and Duties

(a) The mayor shall be recognized as the head of the town government for all ceremonial purposes, by the court for serving civil process, and by the Governor for the purpose of military and emergency law. The mayor shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed in this charter or required of him or her by the town council, if not inconsistent with this charter. [Amended 5-2-16, effective 6-21-16]

(b) Except as may be provided by ordinance or by resolution, the mayor shall have the authority to appoint the chair of any citizen advisory committee or board that may be established from time to time. [Amended 04/30/2003] [Amended 5-2-16, effective 6-21-16]

§ 405: Vacancy

(a) A vacancy in the office of mayor shall be declared to exist in the event of the mayor's death, recall, disqualification, permanent incapacitation, conviction of a felony, failure to attend three (3) consecutive regular council meetings without being excused by the council, or resignation from office. [Amended 5-2-16, effective 6-21-16]

(b) In the event a vacancy is declared within the first fifteen (15) months of a term, a special election in accordance with § 510 of this charter shall be held within forty-five (45) days after the declaration of the vacancy to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.

(c) In the event a vacancy is declared during the last nine (9) months of a term, the council, within forty-five (45) days after the declaration of the vacancy and with the affirmative votes of a majority of its members, shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.