

Article VI Elective Officers

Section 601. Councilmembers)

Councilmembers shall be elected by the qualified electors of each district and shall hold such office for a term of four (4) years beginning on January 1 of the year following the Councilmember's election and until a successor is elected and qualified.

- a. The voters of each district shall elect a Councilmember for that district in the manner specified in Section 704 of Article VII.
- b. Each member of the Council must reside in and be a qualified elector of the district from which said member is nominated and elected or appointed for a period of not less than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of his nomination papers or his appointment. Any Councilmember who has been elected and whose term of office has not expired shall not be affected by any change in the boundaries of the district from which he or she was elected. **However, the terms of all council members shall expire on December 31, 2018 and council members from each district shall be elected or re-elected in 2018 in the manner specified in Section 704 of Article VII.**
- c. Any member of the Council moving from his district during his term shall automatically forfeit his office, the same to be refilled by the Council from the electors of the district. Absence from five (5) consecutive regular meeting, unless excused by resolution of the Council, shall operate to vacate the seat of the member so absent.
- d. If a vacancy shall occur in the office of any Councilmember, the Council shall appoint a person to fill such a vacancy. The vacancy in the Council shall be filled by the Council from the electors of the district in which the vacancy occurs. Such person shall hold office until December 31st following the next general election, and at such election a person shall be elected to hold office for the remainder of any unexpired term.

If at any municipal election held under the provisions of this Charter, A Councilmember is not elected from a district by reason of a tie vote among any of candidates therefor, the Council shall select by lot one (1) of the persons receiving such tie vote to fill such office.

Section 602. Mayor

- a. No change to this Section

Arguments in favor:

The new language is being proposed to ensure a smooth transition to the newly formed eight (8) council districts.