

## **Article III. The Mayor**

### **Sec. I. Election generally; term.**

The mayor shall be elected as hereinafter provided and shall hold office for a term of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The mayor holding office at the time this Charter becomes effective shall continue to hold office for the term for which he was elected and until his successor takes office under the provisions of this Charter. (1906, ch. 458, sec. 62. 1908, ch. 41, sec. 62 (p. 1015). 1914, ch. 41.)

### **Sec. 2. Qualifications.**

The mayor shall be a resident of the Town of Easton for at least thirty days immediately preceding his taking office, and shall be a registered voter of the town at the time of the filing of his nomination petition for office. The mayor shall reside within the town limits during the term of his office. (1906, ch. 458, sec. 62. 1908, ch. 41, sec. 62 (p. 1015); 1914, ch. 41; Res. 51, passed 12/15/86.)

### **Sec. 3. Salary**

The mayor shall received an annual salary as set from time to time by ordinance passed by the council in regular course of business; provided, however, that no change shall be made in the salary for any mayor during the term for which he was elected. (1906, ch. 458, sec. 67, 1910, ch. 365, sec. 67. 1937, ch. 26. Res. No. 17, May 19, 1958.)

### **Sec. 4. Powers and duties.**

- (a) *Generally.* The mayor shall see that the ordinances of the town are faithfully executed and shall be the chief executive officer and the head of the administrative branch of the town government. The mayor shall be responsible for the administration of the town's affairs to the council and to the voters of the town.
- (b) *Annual report.* The mayor shall prepare or cause to be prepared annually, on the first Monday in October a report to the council in the name of government of the Town of Easton. This report shall deal with the financial condition of the town, and with the accomplishments of the town and its various departments and agencies. In said report the mayor shall make whatever recommendations as he deems proper for the public good and welfare of the town. The report shall be published and printed for distribution as may be deemed advisable by the council.
- (c) *Appointment.* The mayor, by and with the advise and consent of the council, shall appoint a town attorney, chief of police, town engineer, town clerk, and supervisor of elections, and such other officers as the ordinances of the town may provide. The mayor shall give the council at least twenty (20) days advance written notice of the names and offices to which he is proposing to make appointments before actually presenting said appointments to the council.
- (d) *Veto.* The mayor shall have the power to veto ordinances and resolutions passed by the council, as provided in section 10 of Article II of this Charter; provided, where any ordinance or resolution duly passed by the council shall embrace different items of appropriations, the mayor may approve the provisions thereof relating to one or more items of appropriations or involving expense to the town and disapprove the others and in such case those which he approves shall become effective and those which he shall not approve shall be reconsidered by the council in the manner and form as hereinbefore prescribed in Article II of this Charter.
- (e) *Supervision and control of finances.* The mayor shall have complete supervision over the financial administration of the town government. He shall prepare or have prepared annually a budget and submit it to the council. He shall supervise the disbursement of all moneys and have control over all expenditures to assure that budget appropriations are not exceeded.
- (f) *Other powers and duties.* The mayor shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be provided by this Charter or as may be required of him by the council, not inconsistent with this charter. (1906, ch. 458, sec. 67.

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