

Current Charter (as amended November 2020)

Note: This list contains only the current amended Charter Sections that necessitate amendments to the City's Codified Ordinances, *excluding* those sections related to the City's Land Development Code, which will be addressed separately.

SECTION 3.05 POWERS.

All the legislative powers of the Municipality and the determination of all matters of policy shall be vested in the Council. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Council may by ordinance make provision differing from the general law with respect to:

(f) The suspension of the rule requiring that legislation be read at three (3) separate Council meetings to permit legislation to be passed at one (1) meeting, provided there is an affirmative vote of **at least six (6) members if seven (7) are present** ~~five (5) members if only five (5) or six (6) are present~~, or an affirmative vote of **at least five (5) members if only five (5) or six (6) are present** ~~six (6) members if seven (7) are present~~; **the affirmative vote of four (4) members or less shall not be sufficient to suspend this three (3) reading rule regardless of the number of members present at a Council meeting**; except that no such suspension may be taken on any ordinance referring to zoning or building codes or other regulations controlling the use or development of land;

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220.03 RULES.

The following rules shall govern the regular and special meetings of Council:

(e) Suspension of Rules Relating to Reading Resolutions, Ordinances and Bylaws. No resolution, ordinance, or bylaw of a general or permanent nature, or granting a franchise, or creating a right, or involving the expenditure of money, or the levying of a tax, or for the purchase, lease, sale, or transfer of property, shall be passed unless it has been fully and distinctly read on three (3) different days. Council may dispense with this rule provided there is an affirmative vote of **at least six (6) members if seven (7) are present** ~~five Council members if only five or six members are present~~, or an affirmative vote of **at least five (5) members if only five (5) or six (6) are present** ~~six Council members if seven members are present~~; **the affirmative vote of four (4) members or less shall not be sufficient to suspend this three (3) reading rule regardless of the number of members present at a Council meeting**. The vote on suspension of the rule requiring reading on three (3) separate days shall be taken by yeas and nays, separately on each resolution or ordinance (except as may be dispensed with in the consent portion of the agenda), and the Clerk of Council shall enter such vote on the minute book, together with the names of the members voting yea and members voting nay.

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SECTION 3.09 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THAT TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

Ordinances or resolutions shall go into immediate effect if they provide for: appropriations for current expenses of the Municipality; or street and utility improvements petitioned for by the owners of a majority of the feet front of the property benefitted and to be especially assessed for the cost thereof; or emergency ordinances or measures necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety in the Municipality. Such emergency ordinances or measures shall contain a statement of the specific reasons for such necessity in a separate section of the ordinance or other measure. Every such emergency measure or ordinance shall require ~~the~~ an affirmative vote of at least ~~five (5)~~ six (6) members of the Council for its enactment ~~except that six affirmative votes shall be required if all members are present~~ if seven (7) are present, or an affirmative vote of at least five (5) members if only five (5) or six (6) are present; the affirmative vote of four (4) members or less shall not be sufficient to enact an emergency measure or ordinance regardless of the number of members present at a Council meeting. If such an emergency measure fails to receive the necessary affirmative votes but receives a necessary majority for adoption or passage as a regular measure, it shall be considered adopted or passed as a regular measure.

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222.03 FORM; EFFECTIVE DATE; AMENDMENT AND REFERRAL.

(b) Immediately Effective Legislation. Ordinances and resolutions will go into immediate effect if they provide for appropriations for current expenses of the Municipality, street **and utility** improvements petitioned for by the owners of a majority of the feet front on the property benefitted and to be especially assessed for the cost thereof, or emergency ordinances or measures necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety in the Municipality.

Note: The above Code amendment relates to a Charter amendment implemented prior to November 2020 and is considered a housekeeping measure.

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SECTION 3.10 SALARIES AND BONDS.

Council shall establish the salaries or compensation of the Mayor and each officer or employee of the Municipality. Members of Council shall be compensated at the rate of eighty dollars (\$80.00) for attendance at ~~regular~~ meetings of the Council but shall not be compensated for attendance at more than ~~two (2)~~ **four (4)** ~~regular~~ meetings per month, plus such reasonable and necessary reimbursement of expenses as may be necessary. Members of any board or commission of the Municipality shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed such reasonable and necessary expenses as may be necessary. Any person may be required by Council to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of prescribed duties, and Council may provide for the payment of the premium for any such bond by the Municipality.

SECTION 8.04 PARK BOARD - COMPOSITION AND TERMS.

The Park Board shall consist of five (5) ~~to~~ **or** seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a ~~new member~~ qualified elector to complete fill the unexpired term. No Mmembers shall serve ~~no~~ more than three (3) consecutive full four (4)-year terms. ~~In the event of a vacancy,~~ Council shall appoint a new member to complete the unexpired term. Meetings shall be open to the public, except as may be provided by State law.

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220.08 COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Members of Council shall be compensated at the rate of eighty dollars (\$80.00) per meeting for their attendance at ~~either a regular legislative meeting of the Council, a Workshop meeting of the Council, or at a regularly scheduled Committee meetings~~ of the Council but shall not be compensated for attendance at more than **four (4)** ~~two~~ of such meetings per month and for an amount not to exceed **three hundred twenty dollars (\$320.00)** ~~one hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00)~~ per month, plus such reasonable and necessary reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Council member as is necessary for the fulfillment of the Council member's duties.

288.02 PARK BOARD; COMPOSITION AND TERMS.

(a) The Park Board shall consist of five (5) ~~to~~ **or** seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. ~~Each member~~ **Members** shall serve without compensation for a staggered terms of four (4) years. No member ~~may~~ **shall** serve more than three (3) full consecutive full four (4)-year terms. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a ~~new member~~ qualified elector to complete fill the unexpired term. Meetings shall be open to the public, except as may be provided by State law.

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SECTION 8.06 CEMETERIES.

Public cemeteries within the Municipality or owned by the Municipality shall be operated and maintained by the Municipality. Council shall provide for a Cemetery Board which shall advise the Municipality on cemetery matters. The Board shall consist of five (5) ~~to~~ or seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for a ~~period of~~ two (2) years preceding the appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. ~~No M~~members shall serve ~~no~~ more than three (3) consecutive full four (4)-year terms. ~~In the event of a vacancy, Council may appoint a new member to complete the unexpired term; provided that there will always be a minimum of five (5) members on the Board.~~ Meetings shall be open to the public, except as may be provided by State law.

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286.02 TRUSTEES.

The Hudson Cemetery Board shall consist of five **(5) or seven (7) qualified** electors of the Municipality ~~to be appointed by a majority vote of Council for~~ appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms of three years each, provided, however, that as of January 1, 1994, the Board members of the former Union Cemetery Board serving as of the first day of January, 1994, shall automatically become the Board members of the Hudson Cemetery Board until their terms on the Union Cemetery Board would have expired.

A vacancy occurring during the term of any member of the Hudson Cemetery Board shall, subsequent to the Council election scheduled for May, 1994, as set forth in Condition 1.03 of the Conditions of Merger, adopted by the electorate at the November 19, 1993, election, as well as future appointments to the Board, be subject to a majority vote of the merged City Council. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term. No members shall serve more than three (3) consecutive full four (4)-year terms.

The present Union Cemetery Board trustee serving as a paid administrator shall continue in the same capacity and at the same compensation until Council provides otherwise.

Meetings shall be open to the public, except as may be provided by State law.

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SECTION 8.07 TREE COMMISSION.

The Tree Commission shall consist of five (5) or seven (7) **qualified** electors of the Municipality; appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for **staggered four (4)-year** terms ~~of four (4) years~~. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for ~~a period of two (2) years preceding the appointment~~ and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to ~~complete~~ **fill** the unexpired term. ~~No M~~**Members** shall serve ~~no~~ more than three (3) consecutive full **four (4)-year** terms. Meetings shall be open to the public, except as may be provided by State law. ~~The Tree Commission shall have such powers and duties as provided by Council.~~

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276.01 ESTABLISHMENT; MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; VACANCIES; COMPENSATION; DUTIES.

(a) There is hereby established in and for the City a Tree Commission, which shall consist of five **(5) or seven (7)** **qualified** electors of the city who shall be appointed by Council **and not holding other public office, to serve without compensation for staggered four (4)-year terms**, provided that the initial appointments shall consist of the members of the former Hudson Township Tree Commission.

(b) ~~The term of the five persons to be appointed shall be four years, except that in order to begin a system of staggered terms, one such member shall be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years.~~ In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, ~~his or her successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term~~ **Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term.** No member of the Commission may serve more than three **(3)** consecutive full **four (4)-year** terms. The Chair of the Commission shall be elected annually by a majority vote of all members of the Commission.

~~(c) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.~~ **Meetings shall be open to the public, except as may be provided by State law.**

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SECTION 11.01 PERSONNEL ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD - COMPOSITION AND TERMS.

The Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board shall consist of three (3) ~~disinterested~~ qualified electors of the Municipality appointed by Council and not holding other public office, to ~~be appointed by Council~~ serve without compensation for staggered six (6)-year terms. Each member shall ~~serve, without compensation, for a term of six (6) years.~~ Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for ~~a period of two (2) years preceding the~~ appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to ~~complete~~ fill the unexpired term. ~~No M~~member-s- shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive full six (6)-year terms. Meetings of the Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State law.

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284.01 ESTABLISHMENT; MEMBERSHIP; TERMS.

A Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board is hereby established in and for the City pursuant to Section 11.01 of the Charter. The Board shall consist of three ~~(3) disinterested~~ qualified electors of the City, appointed by Council with the advice of the City Manager and not holding other public or municipal office, to be appointed by Council with the advice of the City Manager serve without compensation for staggered six (6)-year terms. ~~The Board members shall be appointed for terms of six years, except that the first appointments made shall be for staggered terms of six years, four years and two years, respectively.~~ No member shall serve more than two ~~(2) full,~~ consecutive full six (6)-year terms, including the first appointments made hereunder. Meetings of the Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State law.

284.02 VACANCIES.

A vacancy occurring during the term of any member of the Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner authorized for an original appointment. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board member, Council shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the unexpired term.