

Section 2.08. - Vacancies and forfeiture of office.

In the event any vacancy in the city council occurs within six months of a regular election by reason of death, resignation, failure to possess the requisite qualifications as described in this Charter, absence from four (4) consecutive regular meetings of the council unless such absence is excused by the council, the conviction of a felony in any court of competent jurisdiction, or for any other cause, it shall be the duty of a majority vote of the remaining qualified members of the city council to declare such office vacant and to fill the same by appointing a resident of the city who shall possess the qualifications of an elector and council member, within fourteen (14) days after such vacancy occurs and in the event of the failure, neglect or refusal of said city council to fill said vacancy, then the same may be filled by the Governor of the State of Florida, which said appointee shall serve until the expiration of the term for which he was appointed, or until his successor is duly elected. In the event of a vacancy in the office of mayor-councilman, the remaining council members shall immediately select from their own members, by majority vote, a mayor-council member. In the event a vacancy in the council occurs more than six (6) months prior to any regular election to be held in the City of Green Cove Springs, the city council shall call for a special election in accordance with the election laws of the City of Green Cove Springs, as provided in this Charter. In no event shall the council consist of more than two (2) members serving on an appointive basis.

A council member shall forfeit his office if he (1) lacks at any time during his term of office any qualification for the office prescribed by this Charter or by law, (2) is found by the council to have violated any express prohibition of this Charter, (3) is convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, or (4) fails to attend four (4) consecutive regular meetings of the council without being excused by the council.