

ARTICLE III. - BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Sec. 2. - Election, term of mayor; designation of members as board of mayor and aldermen.

At the general city election in May of 1979, and every two (2) years thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the City of Kingsport, a mayor who shall serve a term of two (2) years beginning at the first regular meeting of the board in July following his election. The mayor and aldermen shall together constitute the board of mayor and aldermen of the City of Kingsport.

No person shall be a candidate for the office of mayor and the office of alderman in the same election, nor shall any person hold both offices at the same time.

In the event an incumbent alderman having an unexpired term remaining to serve, shall run and be elected to the office of mayor, the vacancy thus created shall be filled by special election held within ninety (90) days after the occurrence of such vacancy (or following the certification of the prior May aldermanic election to the city recorder).

Sec. 10. - Vacancies.

- (a) *Causes of vacancies.* The office of mayor, vice-mayor or alderman is vacated:
 - (1) By the death of the incumbent;
 - (2) By the resignation of the incumbent;
 - (3) By the incumbent ceasing to be a resident of the city; or
 - (4) By the incumbent's violation of the Charter.
- (b) *Declaration of vacancies to board.* The mayor or vice-mayor shall declare to the board, at each session thereof, all offices to be filled by that body, which have become vacant.
- (c) *Appointment of successors.* After any office becomes vacant, such vacancy in said board shall be filled by appointment within thirty (30) days by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining members thereof; provided, however, that no member shall be appointed under this section at any time when the said board already has as many as two (2) members so appointed, but in case of any additional vacancy, the said board shall forthwith by ordinance or resolution call upon the election commissioners for Sullivan County and Hawkins County to call a special election for the purpose of filling such additional vacancy, whereupon said election commissioners shall immediately call such special election and appoint the necessary officers therefor, and said special election shall be held in the same manner as and subject to the regulations in this Charter respecting general city elections.
- (d) *Vote.* All such appointments by the board shall be made viva voce, on the calling of the roll.
- (e) *Term of office of successors.* The successors so appointed to hold office until the first regular meeting in July following the next general city election held after his appointment.