

The Board of Commissioners

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Section 82-3. (Number, Selection, Term).

All legislative powers of the Town shall be vested in a Board of Commissioners consisting of ~~three~~ FIVE Commissioners who shall be elected as hereinafter provided and who shall hold office for a term of two years and until the succeeding Board takes office. The regular term of the Commissioners shall expire on the ~~first Monday~~ SECOND MONDAY OF DECEMBER following the election of their successors. [The Commissioners holding office at the time this charter becomes effective shall continue to hold office for the term for which they were elected and until the succeeding Board takes office under the provisions of this charter.]

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY, THE INCUMBENT COMMISSIONERS SERVING THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE AS PREVIOUSLY SET TO EXPIRE IN JANUARY OF 2022 SHALL INSTEAD END THEIR TERMS EARLIER ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF 2021 OR SHALL SERVE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESORS QUALIFY. **(C.A. Res. No. 2-21, 8/10/21.)**

Section 82-4. (Qualification of Commissioners).

Commissioners shall have resided in the Town for at least two years immediately preceding their election, shall be qualified voters of the Town, and shall be at least 25 years of age. If, at any time such person shall remove from the town, his or her office shall automatically become vacant. (Res. No. 2-01, 9/26/01.)

Section 82-5. (Salary of Commissioners).

Each Commissioner shall receive an annual salary which shall be equal for all Commissioners and shall be as specified from time to time by an ordinance passed by the Board in the regular course of its business, provided, however, that the salary specified at the time any Board takes office shall not be changed during the period for which that Board was elected. The ordinance making any change in the salary paid to the several Commissioners, either by way of increase or decrease, shall be finally ordained prior to the general election for the members of the next succeeding Board and shall take effect only as to the members of the next succeeding Board.

Section 82-6. (Meetings of the Board).

The newly elected Board shall meet at 8:00 p.m. on the ~~first~~ SECOND Monday of DECEMBER following its election for the purpose of organization AND CONDUCTING OTHER TOWN BUSINESS, after which the Board shall meet regularly at such times as may be prescribed by its rules but not less frequently than once each month. Special meetings may be called upon the request of the President or a majority of the members of the Board. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, except that the Board may, by majority vote, meet in closed session for any purpose then authorized by State law; and, the residents of the Town shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any regular meeting in regard to any municipal question. (Res. No. 1-2008, 1-07-09.) **(C.A. Res. No. 2-21, 8/10/21.)**

Section 82-7. (Board to be the Judge of Qualifications of ~~its~~ ITS Members).

The Board shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members. **(C.A. Res. No. 1-21, 3/9/21.)**

Section 82-8. (Quorum).

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but no ordinance shall be approved nor any other action taken without the favorable votes of a majority of the whole number of members elected to the Board.

Section 82-9. (Procedure of Board).

The Board shall determine its own rules and order of business. It shall keep a journal of its proceedings and enter therein the yeas and nays upon final action on any question, resolution, or ordinance, or at any other time if required by any one member. The journal shall be open to public inspection.

Section 82-10. (Vacancies in Board).

Vacancies in the Board shall be filled as provided in Section 82-32 of this charter.

Section 82-11. (Ordinances).

No ordinance shall be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced. At any regular or special meeting of the Board of Commissioners held not less than six nor more than sixty days after the meeting at which an ordinance was introduced, it shall be passed, or passed as amended, or rejected, or its consideration deferred to some specified future date. In cases of emergency, the

provision that an ordinance may not be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced may be suspended by unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners. Every ordinance, unless it is passed as an emergency ordinance, shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days following approval of the Board of Commissioners. Each ordinance shall be posted in the Town office, and each ordinance, or a fair summary thereof, shall be published at least once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town. (Res. 5-77, 9/22/77.)

Section 82-12. (File of Ordinances).

The complete text of each and every ordinance and resolution passed by the Board shall be permanently filed by the clerk and shall be kept available for public inspection.

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