

44. (Corrupt Practices.) All provisions of the Public General Laws of this State now in force or hereafter enacted, providing penalties for illegal registration, illegal voting, corrupt practices and requiring reports of expenditure of money in connection with any election shall be and are hereby made applicable to all elections held under the provisions of this sub-title, and any act done or committed by any person that would be punishable under said general laws if done or committed in a State or County election shall be punishable in the same manner and by the same penalty if done and committed in any election held under the provision of this sub-title. Reports of expenditures of money shall be made only if required by a Town ordinance and, if so, then they shall be made under oath, within five days after each election, by all candidates and other persons, and shall be similar to reports required under said General Laws, and such reports shall be open to the inspection of the public.

45. (Appointive Officers — Duties.) The Mayor, upon approval of the Town Council, may annually appoint such town officials, including an attorney, clerk, building inspector, fire marshal, health officer, and such other officers or employees as they may deem necessary to carry out the duties empowered by this charter, at such compensation or without compensation and for such duration of time, not to exceed one year, as in their discretion they may deem proper. The Mayor and Council may terminate the services of such appointed Town officials before the end of their term for malfeasance or misfeasance in office. They may appoint the Town Treasurer as Clerk, but no other person shall have more than one office.

46. (Oath of Office.) The Mayor, Councilmen, Treasurer, and all other officers and officials, elective or appointive, shall, before they enter upon the duties of their office, take and subscribe before any officer of the State of Maryland duly authorized to take an affidavit that he will support the constitution of the United States and diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of his office without favor, partiality, or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be returned by such officer of the State of Maryland to the Town Council, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings. Failure to take the oath of office within thirty days after election shall constitute a vacancy in that office.

47. (Police Force.) The Mayor and Town Council shall appoint such persons as may be necessary from time to time