

men shall, within five days after the date of such death, refusal to serve, disqualification, resignation, or removal out of the taxable limits of the city, of an Alderman, or Aldermen, fix the time for the holding of such special election, which time for such special election shall not be less than twenty days, nor more than thirty days, after the date of such death, refusal to serve, disqualification, resignation, or removal out of the taxable limits of the city; the polling places for such special election shall be fixed in the same manner and by the same officials, and the polls shall be kept open between the same hours, prescribed for the holding of the regular elections of Alderman under this sub-title of this Article. There shall be no special registration of voters for such special election, and only those persons whose names are on the lists of voters used at the election of the person or persons, whose place, or places, is, or are, to be filled shall be entitled to vote at the special election herein provided for.

173. The Mayor, the City Register, the Alderman, and all other officers of said city, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, shall severally take the following oath of office: "I solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of _____ to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection or partiality." The Mayor, City Register and Aldermen shall qualify before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, or before one of his sworn deputies; all other officers of said city shall qualify before the Mayor, who shall keep a full and correct record of all official oaths administered by him in a well-bound book provided especially for that purpose, which book shall be one of the public records of his office, and shall at all times be open to public inspection.

174. The term of office of the Aldermen elected at the regular elections, as provided in this sub-title of this Article, shall begin on the first Monday of May next after their election, on which day their first meeting shall be held, and shall continue until their successors in office are duly elected and qualified. The Mayor of said city may convene the Board of Aldermen whenever and as often as it may appear to him that the interests of the city require their deliberation.

177. The Mayor, by virtue of his office, shall be the president of the Board of Aldermen, and shall preside at all meetings of said board; he may debate all questions before said board, and in case of a tie, except in the passage of ordinances, he shall have the deciding vote; he shall have the power to veto any order, resolution or ordinance incurring any debt, or