

CHIEF OF POLICE.

108. The Mayor shall appoint one person, subject to confirmation by a majority of the Council, to be Chief of Police and such number of policemen in addition as is deemed necessary. He shall hold office for two years or until his successor is appointed and qualified. His duties and compensation shall be such as are prescribed by law or by ordinance of the Mayor and Council from time to time. It shall be his duty to enforce all ordinances of the Mayor and Council of Chestertown. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall take oath before the Mayor to perform well and faithfully, without partiality and prejudice, the duties of his office in all things according to the laws of the State and the ordinances of the Mayor and Council of Chestertown and to enforce said ordinances to the best of his ability. This oath shall be certified by the Mayor and filed with the Clerk of Chestertown.

109. The Chief of Police and all subordinate officers shall, in time of fire, maintain order and direct traffic in the fire zone subject to the rules and regulations of the Mayor and Council.

All policemen may be suspended without pay for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days or reprimanded by the Mayor for neglect, non-performance of duty or other good cause, and shall be subject to removal as hereinafter provided.

110. Upon complaint in writing and a trial before the Mayor and Council of Chestertown, after notice informing him of what he is charged and to appear and defend himself first having been given him in writing at least five days before trial, if the Mayor and Council find any of the officers of said town to be guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer, wilful disobedience, neglect of duty, misfeasance or malfeasance in office, such officer may be removed at once from his office by a majority vote of the Mayor and Council of Chestertown, and his office shall be declared vacant. The Mayor shall as soon as convenient thereafter appoint another person to fill the office thus vacated for the unexpired term, which appointment shall be submitted to the Council for confirmation, and when confirmed the new officer or employee shall qualify in the manner as heretofore provided, and the new officer or employee shall have the same powers and duties as if he had been appointed in the first place, and shall serve out the term of the removed officer or employee.