

ARTICLE ____ - THE MAYOR

Sec. ____ Executive and Administrative Power; Chief Executive Officer

The executive and administrative power of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Metropolitan Government shall be vested in and exercised by a chief executive officer, and such departments, boards, commissions, offices and agencies as are created or authorized by this Charter. Such chief executive officer shall be called the Mayor. The Mayor shall be responsible for the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Metropolitan Government within the limits and to the extent of the power granted to the Mayor by this Charter. The Mayor shall have the power and it is hereby made his duty, to perform all acts that may be required of him by any ordinance or resolution duly enacted by the Legislative Council not in conflict with any provision of this Charter.

**Sec. ____ Term, Age and Residence Qualifications
Compensation**

The Mayor shall be elected for a term of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The mayor shall have attained the age of thirty (30) years prior to the qualifying date for office, and shall have been a resident of Montgomery County for a period of at least two years prior to the date of filing as a candidate for such office, and shall continue to reside within Montgomery County during his period of service, and his change of residence from Montgomery County shall thereby vacate his office. The Mayor shall be compensated in accordance with Article of this Charter.

Sec. ____ Term Limits for Mayor

The Mayor shall not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms not including parts of terms that could result from appointment to that position or election for less than a full term. A mayor who has served the maximum number of consecutive terms is prohibited from then running for the office of Legislative Councilmember. Consecutive terms shall mean terms that are served without interruption; a mayor, after not serving in that capacity for at least one (1) full term, may seek office again.

Sec. ____ Power and Authority of the Mayor

(a) General Administrative and Supervisory Powers

The Mayor is authorized to administer and supervise all departments created by this Charter, except as otherwise specifically provided herein, and also all departments created by ordinance pursuant hereto. Such administration shall be by and through departmental directors and executive staff under the supervision and control of the Mayor.

The Mayor shall preside at all meeting of the Legislative Council but shall not be a voting member of the Legislative Council.

(b) Appointment of Directors and Executive Staff

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, the Mayor shall appoint his executive staff and all directors of departments. All departmental directors appointed by the Mayor shall be subject to confirmation by the Council and may be removed by the Mayor.

(c) Appointments of Division Heads, Boards, Commissions and Agencies

The Mayor shall appoint all members of boards, commissions and agencies created by this Charter or by ordinance enacted pursuant hereto, except as otherwise specifically provided by this Charter, and he or she shall fill vacancies on said boards, commissions and agencies except as the same may be specifically required by this Charter. Appointments to membership on boards, commissions and agencies shall require confirmation by the Council except as otherwise specified by this Charter.

(d) Fiscal Responsibility

The Mayor shall have and may exercise, in person or through agent, all of the powers of a fiscal agent and financial officer previously possessed by the Mayor of Montgomery County and Mayor of the City of Clarksville, acting either under general law or private act, except to the extent that such powers and functions may be vested in other officers or agencies by the provisions of this Charter. The Mayor shall be authorized at any reasonable time to examine and inspect the books, records, and official papers of any department, board, commission, office or agency of the Clarksville Montgomery County Consolidated Government.

(e) Reports and Recommendations to Legislative Council

The Mayor is authorized to require any department, board, commission, office or agency to submit to him or her written reports and information in connection with the business and affairs of the Consolidated Government which the same handles or administers; and shall, from time to time, submit reports and recommendations to the Legislative Council with respect to the business and general welfare of the Consolidated Government.

(f) Submission of Annual Budget

The Mayor shall submit an annual budget as provided for in Article ____ of this Charter for approval, amendment, or disapproval by the Legislative Council.

(g) Call of Special Meetings

The Mayor is authorized to call special meetings of the Legislative Council as provided for in Article ____ of this Charter.

(h) Veto Authority

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The Mayor shall have the right to veto, within two (2) days, Sundays excluded, any ordinance passed by the Legislative Council. The Mayor shall enter, or cause to be entered by the Clarksville-Montgomery County Metropolitan Government Clerk, the reasons for such veto on the minutes of the proceedings. The veto of the Mayor shall render null and void such ordinance unless the Legislative Council shall override the veto at the next regular or special called meeting of the Legislative Council by majority vote of the active membership of the Legislative Council plus one (1).

(i) Deeds, Bonds, Contracts

The Mayor shall execute all deeds, bonds, and contracts made in the name of Clarksville-Montgomery County Metropolitan Government, and his or her signature shall be attested by the Metropolitan Government Clerk, except as may otherwise be authorized or permitted by Ordinance of the Legislative Council.

(j) State of Emergency Powers

The Mayor shall be empowered to declare a “state of emergency” when the same exists, and thereby assume complete authority for directing all law enforcement, civil defense, and all other departments, agencies, and functions of Clarksville-Montgomery County Metropolitan Government unless specified otherwise in this Charter or State Law.

(k) Membership on Power and Utilities Board. Attendance at Meetings, Other General Powers

The Mayor shall be an ex official member, without vote, of the Clarksville Electric Power Board and the Utilities Board. He may attend meeting of the Legislative Council, or any of its committees and any board, agency, commission or office and make suggestions thereto.

In addition to all foregoing powers and authority, the Mayor shall also have all of the power and authority of a county executive or mayor of a municipality under the general laws of the State of Tennessee, not inconsistent with this Charter.

Sec. ____ Retirement for Mayor

The Mayor shall be entitled to all benefits of the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated Section 8-34-101, *et seq.*, generally known as the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, as such statute may be amended from time to time and the retirement of pension, for the Mayor shall be as provided for in such law. With respect to the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System it is the intent of this Charter for the Mayor to qualify as a county official within the meaning of that statute.

Sec. ____ Death, Disability, or Vacancy in the Office of Mayor

In the event of the death, disability, or vacancy in the officer of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall serve as the acting Mayor until the Legislative Council elects a person to serve as

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the Mayor on an interim basis until the next general or special election is held as required by law to replace such deceased or disabled Mayor, or because of vacancy in the office. The Legislative Council shall elect a person to serve as Mayor on an interim basis within 90 days of death, determination of disability, or vacancy in the office of Mayor. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall receive compensation as provided in Article _____ of this Charter.

Sec. _____. Removal from Office

The Mayor may be removed from office pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee general law.