

TITLE I - POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

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MAYOR

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15.01 TERM OF OFFICE. The Mayor is elected for a term of two (2) years.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.2)

15.02 POWERS AND DUTIES. The powers and duties of the Mayor shall be as follows:

1. Chief Executive Officer. Serve as the chief executive officer of the City without supervisory control over the City Coordinator but perform the administrative duties delegated to the City Coordinator at such times as the position of City Coordinator is vacant. The Mayor shall have the power to examine all functions of the municipal departments, their records and to call for special reports from department heads when deemed necessary or desirable.

2. Presiding Officer. Act as presiding officer at all regular and special Council meetings. The Mayor Pro Tem shall serve in this capacity in the Mayor's absence.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[1 & 3])

3. Special Meetings. Call special meetings of the Council when the Mayor deems such meetings necessary to the interests of the City.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[1])

4. Mayor's Veto. Sign, veto or take no action on an ordinance, amendment or resolution passed by the Council. However, the Mayor may not veto a measure if the Mayor was entitled to vote on the measure at the time of passage. If the Mayor exercises such veto power, the Mayor shall explain the reason for such veto in a written message to the Council at the time of the veto. The Council may override the Mayor's veto by a two-thirds majority of the Council members.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.5 & 380.6[2])

5. Reports to Council. Make such oral or written reports to the Council at the first meeting of every month as required. These reports shall concern municipal affairs generally, the municipal departments, and recommendations suitable for Council action.
6. Negotiations. Represent the City in all negotiations properly entered into in accordance with law or ordinance. The Mayor shall not represent the City where this duty is specifically delegated to another officer by law, ordinance, or Council direction.
7. Contracts. Whenever authorized by the Council, sign contracts on behalf of the City.
8. Professional Services. Upon order of the Council, secure for the City such specialized and professional services not already available to the City. In executing the order of the Council, the Mayor shall act in accordance with the Code of Ordinances and the laws of the State.
9. Licenses and Permits. Sign all licenses and permits which have been granted by the Council, except those designated by law or ordinance to be issued by another municipal officer.
10. Nuisances. Issue written order for removal, at public expense, any nuisance for which no person can be found responsible and liable. The order to remove said nuisances shall be carried out by the Police Chief.
11. Absentee Officer. Make appropriate provision that duties of any absentee officer be carried on during such absence.

15.03 APPOINTMENTS.

1. The Mayor shall appoint the following officials subject to Council approval:
 - A. Library Board of Trustees
 - B. Parks and Recreation Board
 - C. Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - D. Zoning Administrative Officer
 - E. Electric Utility Board of Trustees
 - F. Building and Housing Board of Appeals
 - G. Housing Board

(Ord. 809--Oct. 00 Supp.)
2. The Mayor shall appoint a Council member as Mayor Pro Tem, and shall appoint and dismiss the Chief of Police. However, the appointment

and dismissal of the Chief of Police is subject to the consent of a majority of the Council.

(Ord. 835 – Oct. 01 Supp.)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4)

15.04 COMPENSATION. The salary of the Mayor is two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. Effective January 1, 2002, the salary of the Mayor shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per year.

(Ord. 833 – Oct. 01 Supp.)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[8])

15.05 VOTING. So long as the City is governed by the Mayor-Council form of government composed of a Mayor and a Council consisting of two (2) Council members elected at large, and one (1) Council member from each of four wards, the Mayor may vote to break a tie vote on motions not involving ordinances, resolutions or appointments made by the Council alone.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4)

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