

§ 2-3. Election of mayor; term of office and vice mayor.

The mayor in office at the effective date of this charter amendment is hereby continued in office until the first day of July, 1974. On the first Tuesday in May, 1974, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the municipality, a mayor for a term of two years, beginning on the first day of July 1974. On the first Tuesday in May of each even-numbered year following 1974, the mayor shall be elected, for a term of two years, beginning on the first day of July of the year of his election. The mayor so elected shall continue to discharge the duties of the office until a successor shall have qualified.

The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council and he or she shall be a regular member of the council.

The mayor shall be recognized as the head of the municipal government for all ceremonial purposes, the purpose of military law and the service of civil process.

The mayor shall authenticate by his or her signature such documents and instruments as the council, Constitution or general laws require.

During the regular monthly meeting in July each year, the council shall appoint from the membership of the council a vice mayor to serve in the absence or the disability of the mayor. This appointment is for a one-year term, and the vice mayor will serve during such absence or disability with the same powers and duties given the mayor in this section. (1968, c. 52; 1971, c. 82; 1974, c. 147; 2000, c. [225](#))