

ARTICLE III. – THE COUNCIL

□ **NUMBER, SELECTION, TERM MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL**

- Section 22. The members of the City Council of the City of Killeen shall be composed of a mayor and seven councilmembers. Four (4) of the councilmembers shall represent "single member districts," such districts being numbered and designated 1, 2, 3, and 4, and defined in this charter or by ordinance hereafter passed. The mayor and three (3) of the councilmembers shall represent the city at large. Such council shall be elected in the following manner:
- At an election held on a uniform election date in even-numbered years, a mayor and three councilmembers shall be elected by a plurality vote of the city at large for a term of two (2) years. At an election held on a uniform election date in odd-numbered years, there shall be elected one councilmember from each of the single member districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, by a plurality vote of the registered voters residing within each district, to serve a term of two (2) years. All elections are to be held in a manner provided in Article IX of this charter and in accordance with state law.
- The members of the City Council shall serve not more than three (3) terms in succession, in whole or in part, whether appointed (to fill an unexpired portion of a term) or elected, and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified and they shall be ineligible to succeed themselves or another councilmember for an additional successive term; except if any member of the City Council holding office desires to run for a different office than that which the member holds, at the next election, the member must resign and vacate their present office at least forty (40) days prior to such election and his resignation shall be effective on the date of such resignation. For the purposes of this provision there shall be only two offices: the office of the mayor and the office of the councilmember. (Amend. of 5-3-97; Amend. of 5-7-05; Amend. of 5-11-13)

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□ ***QUALIFICATIONS***

- Section 23. Candidates for mayor and councilmember shall meet the qualifications for elective office as established in the Texas Elections Code. In addition to the foregoing, candidates for the four district councilmembers herein above provided shall be bona fide residents of the district from which they seek election. A member of the council ceasing to possess any of the qualifications specified in this section or any other section of this charter, failing to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the council without being excused by the council, or convicted of a felony while in office shall immediately forfeit his office. (Amend. of 5-4-91; Amend. of 5-11-13)



COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS

- Section 24. The compensation for the councilmembers shall not exceed \$100.00 per month and compensation for the mayor shall not exceed \$200.00 per month. Said compensation shall be fixed by the city council. (Amend. of 5-5-01; Amend. of 5-11-13)

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□ ***PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR***

□ Section 25. The mayor shall preside at the meetings of the council and shall be recognized as head of the City of Killeen government for all ceremonial purposes, and by the governor for purposes of military Law; but he shall have no regular administrative duties. The mayor shall only be entitled to vote upon matters considered by the council in the event there is a tie vote resulting from absence of a member or members or failure or refusal of a member to vote. However the mayor shall have no veto power. The council shall elect a mayor protem from their number, who shall act as mayor during the absence or disability of the mayor, and, if a vacancy should occur, shall become mayor until the next regular election.

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□ **VACANCIES**

□ Section 26. A vacancy in the council of the City of Killeen, except the office of Mayor, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the council, by the selecting of a person possessing all the qualifications prescribed by Section 23 of this Article, and who shall be a bona fide resident of the district in which the vacancy occurs; unless the vacancy in office is that of a councilmember at large, in which case the person selected to fill the vacancy shall be a bona fide resident of the City of Killeen without regard to the district in which he resides. However, if the vacancy occurs within 90 days before a regular municipal election, the vacancy is not required to be filled. Where more than one vacancy shall develop at any one time, then a special election shall be called on the first authorized uniform election date prescribed by the Election Code that allows sufficient time to comply with the other requirements of law, and that occurs on or after the 30th day after the date the ordinance calling the election is adopted, and any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as herein provided for general election. If the Mayor protem succeeds to the office of Mayor under the provisions of Section 25 of this Article, then his office of councilmember shall be considered vacant within the meaning of this Section. (Amend. of 5-4-91; Amend. of 5-7-05; Amend. of 5-11-13)

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□ **POWERS**

□ Section 27. All powers of the City of Killeen and the determination of all matters of policy shall be vested in the City council. Except where in conflict with and otherwise expressly provided by this charter the city council shall have all powers authorized to be exercised by the city council by Chapter 4 of Title 28, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, now or hereafter enacted. Without limitation of the foregoing and among the other powers that may be exercised by the council, the following are hereby enumerated for greater certainty:

- (1) Appoint and remove the city manager.
- (2) Establish other administrative departments and distribute the work of divisions.
- (3) Adopt the budget of the city.
- (4) Authorize the issuance of bonds by a bond ordinance.
- (5) Inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the city and make investigations as to municipal affairs.

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□ ***POWERS (cont'd)***

- (6) Provide for a planning commission, a zoning commission and a zoning board of adjustment, and appoint the members of all such commissions and boards, and as well the members of the hospital board, if a hospital is established. The planning [and] zoning commissions may be combined. Such boards and commissions shall have all powers and duties now and hereafter conferred and created by this charter, by city ordinance or by law.
- (7) Adopt plats.
- (8) Adopt and modify the official map of the city.
- (9) Adopt, modify and carry out plans proposed by the planning commission for the clearance of slum districts and rehabilitation of blighted areas.
- (10) Adopt, modify and carry out plans proposed by the planning commission for the replanning, improvement, and redevelopment of neighborhoods and for the replanning, reconstruction or redevelopment of any area or district which may have been destroyed in whole or in part by disaster.

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□ ***POWERS (cont'd)***

- (11) Regulate, license and fix the charges or fares made by any person owning, operating or controlling any vehicle of any character used for the carrying of passengers for hire or the transportation of freight for hire on the public streets and alleys of the city.
- (12) Provide for the establishment and designation of fire limits and to prescribe the kind and character of buildings or structures or improvements to be erected therein, and to provide for the erection of fireproof buildings within certain limits, and to provide for the condemnation of dangerous structures or buildings or dilapidated buildings or buildings calculated to increase the fire hazard, and the manner of their removal or destruction.
- (13) Provide for creation of the following departments: Finance, Police, Fire, and Public Works, and such other departments as may be established by the council as hereinafter provided. The council may create, change, and abolish offices, departments and agencies other than those established by this charter.

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□ ***APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF CITY MANAGER***

- Section 28. The Council shall appoint a City Manager who shall have the powers and perform the duties in this charter provided. No councilmember shall receive such appointment during the term for which he shall have been elected, nor within one year after he leaves office.
- The salary of the City Manager shall be fixed by the City Council, and he shall hold office at its will; but if removed at any time after six months from his appointment, he may demand written charges and a public hearing thereon before the City Council prior to the date on which his final removal shall take effect, but during such hearing the Council may suspend him from office. The action of the Council in suspending or removing the City Manager shall be final, it being the intention of this charter to vest all authority and fix all responsibility for such suspension or removal in the City Council. During the absence or disability of the City Manager, the Council shall designate some properly qualified person to perform the duties of the office; except in case of his temporary absence or disability. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

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□ ***COUNCIL NOT TO INTERFERE IN APPOINTMENTS OR REMOVALS***

□ Section 29. Neither the council nor any of its members shall direct the appointment of any person to, or his removal from office, by the city manager or by any of his subordinates; provided, however, that the appointment of assistant city managers, department heads and the city secretary shall be subject to the approval of the council. Except for the purpose of inquiry the council and its members shall deal with the administrative service solely through the city manager and neither the council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any subordinates of the city manager, either publicly or privately. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

□ ***RIGHTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND OTHER OFFICERS IN COUNCIL***

□ Section 30. The City manager, and such other officers of the city as may be designated by vote of the council, shall be entitled to seats in the council, but shall have no vote therein. The city manager shall have the right to take part in the discussion of all matters coming before the council, and other officers shall be entitled to take part in all discussions of the council relating to their respective offices, departments or agencies.

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□ ***CITY SECRETARY***

- Section 31. There shall be a city secretary who shall be the city clerk. He shall give notices of council meetings, shall keep the journal of its proceedings, shall authenticate by his signature and record in full in a book kept and indexed for the purpose all ordinances and resolutions, and shall perform such other duties assigned to him, and those elsewhere provided for in this Charter, by city ordinance or in state law. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

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□ ***MUNICIPAL JUDGE***

- Section 32. There shall be a Municipal Court of Record for Killeen. The City Council shall appoint a magistrate as a presiding judge for the court, and associates judges, as deemed necessary for the benefit and conduct of the court. Each judge shall be a competent and duly-licensed attorney. The initial appointments of the presiding judge and associate judges shall be by resolution of the City Council at their first regular meeting in June, following the May 3, 1997 election and their initial terms shall be staggered, not to exceed 4 years, as may be decided by the City Council. Thereafter, all judges shall serve terms of 4 years and may serve successive terms, but may be removed by the city council at any time for incompetency, misconduct, malfeasance, or disability. Judges shall receive such salary as may be fixed by the council.
- When the municipal judge and the associate judge(s) are absent at the same time, the Mayor shall appoint a temporary municipal judge. All costs and fines imposed by the Municipal Court, or by any court in cases appealed from judgments of the Municipal Court, shall be paid into the City treasury for the use and benefit of the city. (Amend. of 5-3-97; Amend. of 5-7-05)

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□ ***LEGAL DEPARTMENT***

□ Section 33. There shall be Legal Department, the head of which shall be the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall be a competent and duly-licensed attorney and shall represent the city in all litigation. He shall be the legal advisor of and attorney and counsel for the city and all offices and departments thereof. There shall be such deputy or assistant city attorneys as may be authorized by the council and appointed by the City Attorney, who shall be authorized to act for and on behalf of the City Attorney. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

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□ ***INDUCTION INTO OFFICE: MEETINGS***

□ Section 34. On the next regular meeting following each regular municipal election held under this Charter, or any special election for the purpose of filling vacancies in the council, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the council shall meet at the usual time and place for holding meetings, and the newly elected members shall qualify and assume the duties of office. Thereafter, the council shall meet regularly at such times as may be prescribed by its rules but not less frequently than twice each month. All meetings shall be open to the public, in accordance with the Texas Government Code; special meetings shall be called by the city clerk upon request of the mayor, or a majority of the members of the council. (Amend. of 1-15-94)

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□ ***COUNCIL TO BE JUDGE OF QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS***

- Section 35. Deleted from the Charter. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

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RULES OF PROCEDURE: JOURNAL

- Section 36. The council shall determine its own rules and order of business. It shall keep an indexed journal of its proceedings and the journal shall be open to the public inspection.

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□ ***ORDINANCES***

□ Section 37. In addition to such acts of the council as are required by statute or by this charter to be by ordinance, every act of the council establishing a fine or other penalty or providing for the expenditure of funds or for the contracting of indebtedness shall be by ordinance. The enacting clause of the ordinances shall be "BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN."

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□ ***PROCEDURE FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES***

□ Section 38. Every ordinance shall be introduced in written or printed form and, upon passage, shall take effect at the time indicated therein; provided that any ordinance imposing a penalty, fine or forfeiture for a violation of its provisions shall become effective not less than ten days from the date of its passage; subject to the provisions of Article X of this charter. The city clerk shall give notice of the passage of every ordinance imposing a penalty, fine or forfeiture for a violation of the provisions thereof, by causing the caption or title, including the penalty, of any such ordinance to be published in accordance with state law. He shall note on every ordinance, the caption of which is hereby required to be published, and on the record thereof, the fact that same has been published as required by the charter, and the date of such publication, which shall be prima facie evidence of the legal publication and promulgation of such ordinance; provided that the provisions of this correction, amendment, revision and codification of the ordinances of the city for publication in book or pamphlet form. Except as otherwise provided by Article XI of this charter, it shall not be necessary to the validity of any ordinance that it shall be read more than one time or considered at more than one session of the City Council. Every ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the mayor and city clerk and shall be systematically recorded and indexed in an ordinance book in a manner approved by the council. It shall only be necessary to record the caption or title of ordinances in the minutes or journal of council meetings. The city council shall have power to cause the ordinances of the city to be corrected, amended, revised, codified and printed in code form as often as the council deems advisable, and such printed code, when adopted by the council, shall be in full force and effect without the necessity of publishing the same or any part thereof in a newspaper. Such printed code shall be admitted in evidence in all courts and places without further proof. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

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□ ***INVESTIGATION BY COUNCIL***

□ Section 39. The council shall have power to inquire into the conduct of any office, department, agency, or officer of the city and to make investigations as to municipal affairs, and for that purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and compel the production of books, papers and other evidence. Failure to obey such subpoena or to produce books, papers or other evidence as ordered under the provisions of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by fine not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by law. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

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□ **AUDITORS**

- Section 40. Prior to the end of each fiscal year the council shall designate qualified Certified Public Accountants who, as of the end of the fiscal year, shall make an independent audit of accounts and other evidences of financial transactions of the city government and shall submit their report to the council. Such accountant shall have no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of the city government. They shall not maintain any accounts or record of the city business, but, within specifications approved by the council, shall post-audit the books and documents kept by the department of finance and any separate or subordinate accounts kept by any other office, department or agency of the city government.
- The city council may appoint a city auditor. The city auditor shall carry out the internal audit functions, shall perform such other duties as the city council shall assign to him and shall be a Certified Public Accountant. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

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□ ***PUBLIC LIBRARY***

□ Section 41. The City Council shall have the authority to establish and maintain a free public library within the City and to cooperate with any person, firm, association or corporation under such terms as the City Council may prescribe for the establishment or maintenance of such public library. For the budget purposes, the library shall be considered as a division of the City and the appropriations therefor shall comply with all the budgetary requirements as outlined in this charter and as may be prescribed from time to time by the City Council. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

□ ***HOUSING AUTHORITY***

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DISABLED EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS AND INSURANCE

- Section 43. Deleted from the Charter. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

ARTICLE IV. – THE CITY MANAGER

□ ***QUALIFICATIONS***

□ Section 44. The city manager shall be chosen by the city council solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to his actual experience in, or his knowledge of, accepted practice in respect to the duties of his office as hereinafter set forth. At the time of his appointment, he need not be a resident of the city or state, but during his tenure of office he shall reside within the city.

ARTICLE IV. – THE CITY MANAGER

□ ***POWERS AND DUTIES***

- Section 45. The city manager shall be the chief executive officer and the head of the administrative branch of the city government. He shall be responsible to the council for the proper administration of all affairs of the city and to that end he shall have power and shall be required to:
 - (1) Appoint and, when necessary for the good of the service, remove all officers and employees of the city except as otherwise provided by this charter and except as he may authorize the head of a department to appoint and remove subordinates in such department.
 - (2) Prepare the budget annually and submit it to the council and be responsible for its administration after adoption.
 - (3) Prepare and submit to the council at the end of the fiscal year a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the city for the preceding year.
 - (4) Keep the council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the city and make such recommendations as may seem to him desirable.
 - (5) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter or required of him by the council, not inconsistent with this charter.

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□ ***ABSENCE OF CITY MANAGER***

- Section 46. To perform his duties during his temporary absence or disability, the manager may designate by letter filed with the city clerk a qualified administrative officer of the city.

□ ***DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS***

- Section 47. At the head of each administrative department there shall be a director, who shall be an officer of the city and shall have supervision and control of the department subject to the city manager.
- Two or more departments may be headed by the same individual, the manager or assistant city manager may head one or more departments, and directors of departments may also serve as chiefs of divisions. (Amend. of 5-11-13)

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□ ***DEPARTMENTAL DIVISIONS***

- Section 48. The work of each administrative department may be distributed among such divisions thereof as may be established by ordinance upon the recommendation of the manager. Pending the passage of an ordinance or ordinances distributing the work of departments under the supervision and control of the manager among specific divisions thereof, the manager may establish temporary divisions.