

5. The Chairman of the Town Council shall be chosen annually by the Councillors by a plurality of votes taken by ballot at the first meeting of the newly elected Councillors after the general election in each year, or so soon after as may be, from among the persons duly qualified as herein provided, and not already members of the said Council; provided that the Chairman for the first year shall, if otherwise qualified, be capable of re-election, but no person shall be capable of holding the said office for more than three consecutive years; and every Chairman so chosen shall, subject to the provisions in this Act contained, hold office for the ensuing year, and thereafter until his successor shall be duly chosen and sworn into office.

6. In case any vacancy shall occur in the said office of Chairman, by reason of any person who shall have been elected to the office not accepting the same and taking the oath of office herein provided within ten days after such election, or by reason of any Chairman dying, becoming disqualified, resigning or ceasing to hold the said office, the Councillors shall, within ten days after such vacancy, or as soon thereafter as may be, declare the same, and choose some other fit person to be such Chairman, subject to the provisions herein contained.

7. Neither the Chairman nor the Councillors of the said Town, nor any of them, shall receive any pay or remuneration for their services.

8. That there shall be annually elected at the same time hereinafter appointed for the election of Councillors, one Assessor for each Ward; and no person shall be eligible for that office unless he be resident in the Ward for which he may be elected and qualified to the extent required in the case of a Councillor.

9. That no person shall at any time be qualified to be elected a Chairman, Councillor or Assessor for the said Town, unless at the time of his election he be resident within the said Town, of the full age of twenty one years, and shall have been assessed in the assessment next preceding such election for real or personal estate, or both, within the said Town, to the value of one thousand dollars or upwards, or on income to the amount of one thousand dollars or upwards, and shall have paid before the time of such election all rates and taxes legally due from him within the said Town.

10. That at all elections after the first, as provided for by Section seventy three, under this Act, for Councillors and Assessors, no person shall be qualified to vote unless he be a British subject of the full age of twenty one years, and shall have been assessed in the last Parish or County assessment next preceding such election upon real estate within the said Town of the value of one hundred dollars or upwards, or personal property, or personal or real, amounting together to four hundred dollars, or four hundred dollars annual income, or, unless non-residents, who shall have been assessed as aforesaid for real estate within the said Town of the value of one hundred dollars or upwards, and shall have paid all rates and taxes due previous to such election, and the evidence of such payment shall be a receipt from the Collector of Rates, who is hereby required to furnish the same under a penalty of eight dollars for each refusal.

11. That it shall be the duty of the Assessors in each and every year to file a copy of the assessment lists for each Ward with the Town Clerk within one month after the same shall be made up, and it shall be the duty of the said Clerk on or

before the first day of March in each and every year to make up from the assessment lists a true and correct registry or list for each Ward of the persons qualified under this Act to vote at the next ensuing election for Councillors or Assessors, and shall on or before ten of the clock in the morning of the day appointed to hold any election under this Act deliver to each of the officers appointed to hold the same a copy of the registry or list for the Ward in which he is to preside.

12. That no person shall be qualified to be elected to serve in the office of Councillor so long as he shall hold any office or place of profit in the gift or disposal of the Council, nor during such time as he shall by himself, his partner, or in any other way or manner, directly or indirectly, have any share or interest in any contract or employment with or on behalf of the said Council, nor shall any person accountable for the Town revenues, or any part thereof, nor any officer or person presiding at any election of a Councillor or Assessor while so presiding, nor any clerk or assistant employed by him at any such election, while so employed, be elected to the office of Councillor or Assessor in the said Town; provided nevertheless, that no person shall be disqualified to serve as Chairman, Councillor, or Assessor as aforesaid, by reason of his being a proprietor or shareholder in any Company which shall or may contract with the Town Council for lighting or supplying with water, or insuring against fire any part of the said Town; provided always, that such disqualification shall not arise from holding any lease of land from the Corporation; and that no Councillor shall receive into his hands any moneys for and on account of any contract, work or employment made, done or performed by or on behalf of or by direction of the said Corporation, but that all moneys due by the said Corporation on any such account, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Town to the person or persons who shall actually have done such work, and shall be entitled to such moneys by, under or for such contract, work or employment, or to his or their order.

13. That when any person duly elected to the office of Chairman, Councillor, or Assessor, shall neglect or refuse to accept the same within the time limited, or to take the oath of office as aforesaid, the said office shall be deemed vacant, and shall be filled up by a new election, to be made in the manner hereinafter provided for holding elections.

14. That if any person holding the office of Chairman, Councillor, or Assessor, remove his place of residence without the limits of the Town, or shall be absent from the meetings of the Council for more than two months at any one time, except in case of illness or by leave of the Council first obtained, then in every such case such person shall immediately be deemed and taken to be disqualified, and shall cease to hold his office of Chairman, Councillor, or Assessor, and his place shall be filled up by a new election, to be made in the manner hereinafter directed for holding elections.

15. That the first election for Councillors and Assessors for the said Town after the passing of this Act, shall be held on the second Monday in June in the present year; and the annual election for Councillors and Assessors as aforesaid, in all succeeding years shall be held on the second Monday in March in each and every year.

16. That public notice of the time and place for holding every such election respectively shall be given by the Clerk, by publishing such notice in one or more of the public news-