

CHAPTER IV

THE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT

Section 4.1 The City of the Village of Clarkston shall have the Council-Manager form of government.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND POWERS

Section 4.2 The legislative power of the City, except as reserved by this Charter, shall be vested in a Council consisting of a mayor and six (6) councilpersons elected at large on a nonpartisan basis. The Council shall have the power and authority to adopt such ordinances and resolutions as it shall deem proper in the exercise of its powers. The Council shall determine all matters of policy of the City and adopt ordinances and necessary rules and regulations to make the same effective. Further the Council shall, subject to the limitations of law, raise revenues and make appropriations for the operation of the city government and provide for the public peace, health, safety and welfare of persons and property.

QUALIFICATIONS

Section 4.3 Each candidate for city office shall be a duly-registered elector in the City, and shall have been a resident of the City for one (1) year immediately prior to the election at which he/she is a candidate for office. A person appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected office shall have such qualifications at the time of such appointment. No person who is in default to the City shall be eligible for elected office.

TERM OF OFFICE

Section 4.4 Term of office shall be as set forth in Section 3.7 of this Charter.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Section 4.5 Notice of the election of any officer of the City shall be given such officer by the Clerk, in writing, within seven (7) days after the canvass of the vote determining election. If within ten (10) days from the date of notice, such officer shall not take, subscribe, and file with the Clerk an oath of office, such neglect shall be deemed a refusal to serve and the office shall thereupon be deemed vacant, unless the Council shall, for good cause, extend the time in which such officer may qualify as above set forth.

OATH OF OFFICE

Section 4.6 Each elected or appointed officer of the City, before entering upon the duties of the office and within the time specified in this Charter, shall take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed by the State Constitution, which oath shall be filed and kept in the office of the Clerk.

SURETY BONDS

Section 4.7 Any city officer may be required to give a bond to be approved by the Council for the faithful performance of the duties of office in such sum as the Council shall determine, but all officers receiving or disbursing city funds shall be bonded. All official bonds shall be corporate surety bonds and the premiums thereon shall be paid by the City. All official bonds shall be filed with