

ARTICLE II. - CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Secs. 2-31—2-50. - Reserved.

DIVISION 2. - MAYOR

Sec. 2-51. - Compensation.

The compensation to be paid to the mayor shall be \$550.00 per month.

(Code 1961, § 2-1.1(c); Code 1985, § 2-21; Ord. No. 1815, § 1, 12-3-85; Ord. No. 4041, § 2, 4-24-01)

**Charter reference—** Compensation of mayor, § 3.02.

Sec. 2-52. - Restrictions on holding city office or employment.

The mayor shall not hold any other city office or city employment during the term for which he was elected, and no former mayor shall hold any compensated appointive city office or city employment until one year after the expiration of the terms for which he was elected mayor.

(Laws of Fla., ch. 67-1782, § 3.04; Code 1985, § 2-22)

Sec. 2-53. - Removal.

A mayor charged with conduct causing grounds for forfeiture of his office shall be entitled to public hearing on demand, and notice of such hearing shall be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the city at least one week in advance of the hearing. Decisions made by the city council under this section shall be subject to review by the courts.

(Laws of Fla., ch. 67-1782, § 3.06; Code 1985, § 2-24)

Secs. 2-54—2-70. - Reserved.

DIVISION 3. - COUNCILMEMBERS

Sec. 2-71. - Compensation.

- (a) The compensation to be paid to members of the city council shall be \$200.00 per month.
- (b) The compensation to be paid to the president of the city council during his term of office shall be \$250.00 per month.

(Code 1961, § 2-1.1; Code 1985, § 2-36)

**Charter reference—** Limitations on compensation of council, § 2.02.

Sec. 2-72. - Council district map.

The city is hereby divided into five districts, which are designated as District One (at-large/citywide), District Two, District Three, District Four and District Five. The boundaries of each district shall be the same as the officially adopted Ocala City Council District Map 2012, which will be maintained and monitored by the city clerk.

(Code 1985, § 2-36.1; Ord. No. 1902, § 1, 2-3-87; Ord. No. 2305, § 1, 9-15-92; Ord. No. 5143, § 1, 3-11-03; Ord. No. 2013-14, § 1, 1-22-13)

Sec. 2-73. - Vacancies.

The office of a councilmember shall become vacant upon his death, resignation, or removal from office in any manner authorized by law, or forfeiture of his office.

(Laws of Fla., ch. 67-1782, § 2.05(a); Code 1985, § 2-37)

Sec. 2-74. - Forfeiture of office.

- (a) A councilmember shall forfeit his office if he:
  - (1) Lacks at any time during his term of office any qualification for the office prescribed by the Charter or by law;
  - (2) Violates any express prohibition of the Charter;
  - (3) Is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude; or
  - (4) Fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the council without being excused by the council.
- (b)

A member charged with conduct constituting grounds for forfeiture of his office shall be entitled to a public hearing on demand, and notice of such hearing shall be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the city at least one week in advance of the hearing. Decisions made by the council under this section shall be subject to review by the courts.

(Laws of Fla., ch. 67-1782, §§ 2.05(b), 2.06; Code 1985, § 2-38)

Sec. 2-75. - Ordinances generally.

- (a) Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in the form required for final adoption. The enacting clause shall be "Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Ocala." Any ordinance which repeals or amends an existing ordinance or part of this Code shall identify by number or other understandable manner the ordinance, sections or subsections to be repealed or amended.
- (b) The city clerk shall authenticate by his signature and record in full in a properly indexed book kept for the purpose all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the council.

(Laws of Fla., ch. 67-1782, §§ 2.13(a), 2.16(a); Code 1985, § 2-39)

**Charter reference**— Ordinances generally, § 2.13; emergency ordinances, § 2.14.

**State Law reference**— Adoption of ordinances, F.S. § 166.041.

Sec. 2-76. - Removal of appointed officials.

The city council may remove from office any official appointed by the council in accordance with the following procedures:

- (1) The council may terminate an appointed official at any time with or without cause by affirmative vote of a majority of all its members.
- (2) Within five days after receiving written or verbal notice of termination, the appointed official may file with the city clerk's office a written request for a public hearing with city council to reconsider its action. Thereafter a hearing shall be held by city council not earlier than 15 and not more than 30 days after the request is filed. The appointed official may present at the hearing witnesses and/or evidence concerning the decision to terminate the official.

- (3) After the public hearing, the council, by a majority vote, will determine the course of action. The council may provide severance payments in accordance with a written contract, if applicable, or as determined by a majority vote of council in a duly adopted resolution.
- (4) This section shall not apply to the chief of police whose removal is governed by Charter section 2.08.

(Laws of Fla., ch. 67-1782, § 2.19; Code 1985, § 2-51; Ord. No. 2011-62, § 1, 6-7-11)

Secs. 2-77—2-100. - Reserved.