

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 SESSION

## CHAPTER 11

*An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2-5 and 3-1, §§ 3-2 and 3-5, as amended, § 5-3, and § 8-2, as amended, of Chapter 52 of the Acts of Assembly of 1968, which provided a charter for the Town of Purcellville, in Loudoun County, relating to council meetings, town powers, salaries, residency requirements, employees and commissioner of revenue.*

[H 660]

Approved February 14, 2002

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 2-5 and 3-1, §§ 3-2 and 3-5, as amended, § 5-3, and § 8-2, as amended, of Chapter 52 of the Acts of Assembly of 1968 are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2-5. Meetings.

All meetings of the council shall be public unless the council by a recorded affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members present shall declare that the public welfare requires an executive session. No official action shall be taken by the council while in executive session declares a closed meeting in accordance with law.

§ 3-1. Adoption of state law provisions.

The powers set forth in §§ 15.1-837 through 15.1-907 of Chapter 18 of Title 15.1 of the the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, in force on January 1, 1968, are hereby conferred on and vested in the Town of Purcellville as such are applicable to municipal corporations.

§ 3-2. Salaries and wages.

Compensation for members of the council, mayor and all officers and employees shall be set by the council; and the compensation for each councilman shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars per annum. The council may pay the mayor compensation for his services as mayor in addition to the compensation received as a council member, but this additional compensation shall not be in excess of nine hundred dollars per annum.

§ 3-5. Residency requirements.

The town manager; and chief of police; public works superintendent, waste water treatment plant superintendent and water plant superintendent will be required to live within the corporate limits of or within fifteen miles of the corporate limits of the Town of Purcellville within ninety days after their appointment to office and during their term of employment.

§ 5-3. Powers as to municipal officers, employees, etc.

All officers and employees of the municipality, as the council shall determine are necessary for the proper administration of the municipality, shall be appointed and may be removed by the manager; with the consent of the council previously obtained (except as otherwise provided by this charter).

§ 8-2. Commissioner of revenue; appointment; duties; assessment of real estate and personal property for tax purposes; effective date of assessment for tax purposes.

The council shall appoint a commissioner of revenue who shall have the same power and duties provided by the Constitution and general law for commissioners of revenues for counties, who shall serve at the pleasure of the council.

The municipal taxes for each year on real estate subject to reassessment either under general law, or § 58-795 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, shall be extended on the basis of the last general assessment made prior to such year either under general law, or pursuant to said Code section, subject to such changes as may have been lawfully made. The municipality shall utilize the assessments of real property and personal property in the office of the Commissioner of Revenue for the County of Loudoun for the assessment of real and personal property for municipal taxes for each year; provided, however, if a general reassessment of real property in the municipality is made pursuant to § 58-795, the reassessment shall be the basis for levying town taxes for each year.