

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 153

An Act to amend and reenact § 18, as amended, and § 19-a of Chapter 69 of the Acts of Assembly of 1922, which provided a charter for the Town of Strasburg, relating to residency of town officers.

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Approved March 10, 1995

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18, as amended, and § 19-a of Chapter 69 of the Acts of Assembly of 1922 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18. There shall be elected by the council at its first meeting in July after its election, or as soon as practicable thereafter, a treasurer, a town manager, clerk of the council (the town manager and clerk may be combined in one office), and a town sergeant, whose terms of office shall be co-equal with the time the council appointing same shall continue in office, unless sooner removed for cause. The salaries and compensation to be paid such officers, together with their respective duties, shall be fixed by the council. The council may also elect such other officers as may be necessary and desirable for the best interest of the town. All such officers as may be elected by the council shall reside ~~in the town or within three twenty~~ miles of the limits of the town; ~~except the town manager, who shall be exempt from a residency requirement.~~ For officers elected to their first term their residency requirement will be waived for a period of one year.

§ 19-a. Duties, Qualifications, etc., of the Town Manager.

The town manager shall be chosen solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications, with special reference to his actual experience in or knowledge of accepted practice in respect to the duties of his office. At the time of his appointment, he need not be a resident of the town or the Commonwealth, but during his tenure of office he shall reside ~~within the town or its immediate environ~~ as provided in § 18 of this charter. The town manager shall be the chief administrative officer and head of the administrative branch of the town government. He shall execute the laws and ordinances and administer the government of the town and be responsible therefor to the council. He shall:

(1) Except with respect to § 18 above, appoint all directors, or heads of the administrative departments, and all other administrative officers and employees of the town;

(2) When deemed necessary and in accordance with policies approved by the council, suspend, demote or remove all such directors or heads and all other administrative officers and employees of the town appointed by him except as he may authorize the head of a department, an officer or any agency to exercise such powers respecting subordinates in such department, office or agency;

(3) Supervise and control, directly or indirectly, all administrative departments, agencies, officers and employees of the town; and when directed by the council he shall examine the records and books of the office of Treasurer;

(4) Prepare a budget annually and submit it to the council, be responsible for the administration of the budget after it goes into effect, and recommend to the council any changes in the budget which he deems desirable;

(5) Keep the council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the town, and make such recommendations on matters of policy and other matters to the council as may seem to him desirable;

(6) Have power, whenever the interests of the town require, to assign employees of any department, bureau, office or agency, to the temporary performance of duties in another department, bureau, office or agency;

(7) Have such other powers and duties consistent with the town charter as the council may prescribe.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.