

Charter Amendment #1 rev 9/1/14 – Presiding Officer and Deputy Mayor

Only the sections of the Charter being amended are shown. Matters that are underlined are additions to the existing text. Matters that are struck through are existing text that is to be removed. All unmodified text is in the existing Charter.

Article I. The City of Amsterdam and Its Government

§ C-18. Certificate of appointment.

Every appointment to a City office shall be made by a certificate of appointment signed by the appointing officer or, if made by the Common Council, signed by the ~~Mayor as p~~Presiding officer of the Council, and if made by a board or commission, signed by the presiding officer thereof. A copy of each certificate of appointment shall be filed in the Office of the Controller and in the Office of the City Clerk.

Article III. Common Council

§ C-23. Common Council.

Editor's Note: Amended during codification (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II). All legislative powers of the City shall be vested in a Common Council except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by law. The Common Council shall consist of ~~the Mayor, who shall be its presiding officer,~~ and five Aldermen elected by wards as presently constituted.

§ C-24. Designation of ~~Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor~~ Presiding Officer.

At the first Common Council meeting in each calendar year, the Common Council shall designate one of its members as ~~Deputy Mayor~~ to serve as Presiding Officer of the Council ~~in the event of the absence or incapacity of the Mayor and to serve as acting Mayor as hereinafter provided by this Charter.~~ In the event that both the Presiding Officer ~~Mayor~~ and the ~~Deputy~~ are is absent or unable to perform the duties of the Presiding Officer ~~Office of Mayor~~, the remaining members of the Common Council shall designate one of their number as ~~Deputy Mayor~~ and acting Presiding Officer ~~Mayor~~.

Article IV. The Mayor and Acting Mayor

§ C-35. Mayor and Acting Mayor

- A. The Mayor shall be the chief executive of the City and shall, except as otherwise provided in this Charter or by law, see that all laws pertaining to the government and affairs of the City are faithfully enforced and executed.
- B. In the event of the temporary absence or incapacity of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor ~~as provided in Article III of this Charter~~ shall act as Mayor and shall exercise all of the powers and duties of the Office of Mayor except powers to appoint and remove officers and employees and to veto acts of the Common Council.
- C. Within thirty days after first taking office, the Mayor shall designate a Deputy Mayor by filing a certificate of appointment with the City Clerk. The Deputy Mayor shall be a resident of the City of Amsterdam and eligible to vote. The Mayor may re-designate the Deputy Mayor at will.
- D. In the event of the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor for a period of greater than seven days, then the Presiding Officer of the Common Council shall exercise the powers specified in C-35(B).