

CHAPTER 15

MAYOR

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15.01 TERM OF OFFICE. The Mayor is elected for a term of four (4) years.
 (Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.2)

15.02 POWERS AND DUTIES. The powers and duties of the Mayor are as follows:

1. Chief Executive Officer. Except for supervisory duties which have been delegated by ordinance to the City Administrator, the Mayor shall oversee and give direction to department heads concerning the functions of the departments, and have the power to examine all functions of the municipal departments, their records and to call for special reports from department heads at any time.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[1])

2. Presiding Officer. Act as presiding officer at all regular and special Council meetings. The Mayor Pro Tem shall serve in this capacity in the Mayor's absence.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[1 &3])

3. Special Meetings. Call special meetings of the Council when the Mayor deems such meetings necessary to the interests of the City.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[1])

4. Mayor's Veto. Sign, veto or take no action on an ordinance, amendment or resolution passed by the Council. If the Mayor exercises such veto power, the Mayor shall explain the reason for such veto in a written message to the Council at the time of the veto. The Council may override the Mayor's veto by a two-thirds majority of the Council members.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.5 & 380.6[2])

5. Reports to Council. Make such oral or written reports to the Council as required. These reports shall concern municipal affairs generally, the municipal departments, and recommendations suitable for Council action.

6. Negotiations. Represent the City in all negotiations properly entered into in accordance with law or ordinance. The Mayor shall not represent the City where this duty is specifically delegated to another officer by law, ordinance, or Council direction.
7. Contracts. Whenever authorized by the Council, sign contracts on behalf of the City.
8. Professional Services. Upon order of the Council, secure for the City such specialized and professional services not already available to the City. In executing the order of the Council, the Mayor shall act in accordance with the Code of Ordinances and the laws of the State.
9. Licenses and Permits. Sign all licenses and permits which have been granted by the Council, except those designated by law or ordinance to be issued by another municipal officer.
10. Nuisances. Issue written order for removal, at public expense, any nuisance for which no person can be found responsible and liable.
11. Absentee Officer. Make appropriate provision that duties of any absentee officer be carried on during such absence.

15.03 APPOINTMENTS. The Mayor shall appoint the following officials:
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4)

1. Mayor Pro Tem
2. Library Board of Trustees
3. Park and Recreation Advisory Board
4. Planning and Zoning Commission
5. Public Health and Safety Advisory Board
6. Council Liaisons

15.04 COMPENSATION. The salary of the Mayor is five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month. Beginning on January 1, 2014, the Mayor shall be paid a salary of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per month.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[8])

15.05 VOTING. The Mayor is not a member of the Council and may not vote as a member of the Council.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4)