

ARTICLE 2. GOVERNING BODY

1-201. GOVERNING BODY. The governing body of the city shall consist of the mayor and six council members to be elected as set out in Chapter 5 of this code. (Code 1984)

1-202. MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the governing body shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5:00 p.m. at city hall. In the event such meeting day shall fall on any legal holiday, the council may meet on a substitute day. Special meetings may be called by the mayor or acting mayor, on the written request of any three council members, specifying the object and purpose of such meeting, which request shall be read at the meeting and entered at length on the journal. (K.S.A. 14-111; Ord. 877, Sec. 2)

1-203. MAYOR. The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the governing body. He or she shall have the tie-breaking vote on all questions when the members present are equally divided. He or she shall:

- (a) Take care that the ordinances of the city are complied with;
- (b) Sign the commissions and appointments of all officers elected or appointed;
- (c) Endorse the approval of the governing body on all official bonds;
- (d) From time to time communicate to the city council such information and recommend such measures, as he or she may deem advisable;
- (e) Have the power to approve or veto any ordinance, as the laws of the state shall prescribe;
- (f) Sign all orders and drafts drawn upon the city treasury for money.
(Code 1981, 1-105; Code 1984)

1-204. PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL. The city council shall annually elect one of its own body as president of the council. The president of the council shall preside at all meetings of the council in the absence of the mayor. In the absence of both the mayor and the president of the council, the council shall elect one of its members as "acting president of the council." The president and acting president, when occupying the place of mayor, shall have the same privileges as other council members but shall exercise no veto. (K.S.A. 14-204, 14-308; Code 1981, 1-106; Code 1984)

1-205. VACANCIES. (a) When any vacancy shall occur in the office of council member, the mayor shall appoint by and with the consent of the remaining

council members, an elector of the city to fill the vacancy until the next election for that office.

- (b) When any vacancy shall happen in the office of mayor, the president of the council for the time being shall exercise the office of mayor, with all the rights, privileges and jurisdiction of the mayor, other than the appointment of officers, until such vacancy be filled or such disability be removed, or, in case of temporary absence, until the mayor shall return. During the time the president of the council shall exercise the office of the mayor, the president shall receive the same compensation that the mayor would be entitled to; and in case of vacancy, other than a temporary absence or disability, the person exercising the office of mayor shall become mayor. Thereupon the council shall elect from its membership a new president of the council.

(C.O. No. 7, Secs. 4:5)

1-206. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS;

QUORUM. Except where a state statute or city ordinance specifically requires otherwise, all resolutions and motions shall be passed if voted upon favorably by a majority of a quorum of the council. A majority of the council members elected shall constitute a quorum. (Code 1981, 1-108)

1-207. EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT. In the event of a catastrophe in which all, or a majority, of the members of the governing body are fatally injured, the interim governing body shall be composed of the surviving members, the city attorney, the city clerk, and a sufficient number of the appointed officials selected in the order of the greatest seniority in office to make up a governing body of the prescribed number. (Code 1981, 1-109)