

**ORDINANCE**

**Amending and reordaining City Code Article II. Section 2-38. Organizational Meeting and Section 2-39. Elections, Terms and General Powers and Duties of Mayor, Vice-mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore; Mayor's Veto**

**WHEREAS** Charlottesville City Council elections occur in November for positions beginning January 1 the following calendar year; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council seeks to align its Rules and Procedures with the Code of Virginia and the City Code, and to conduct its Organizational Meeting to elect a mayor and vice mayor at the beginning of the calendar year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia **THAT** Article II. Section 2-38. Organizational Meeting, and Section 2-39. Elections, Terms and General Powers and Duties of Mayor, Vice-mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore; Mayor's Veto of the Code of the City of Charlottesville (1990), as amended is hereby amended, re-ordained and re-enacted, as follows:

**Sec. 2-38. Organizational meeting.**

The city council shall meet for organization on the first day of January after the election of its members (unless that day is a Sunday or a legal holiday, in which case it shall meet on the following day. In case of unavoidable absence from such meeting of any member elect, the meeting may be adjourned from time to time as the council may deem proper.

(Code 1976, § 2-6

**Sec. 2-39. Election, terms and general powers and duties of mayor, vice-mayor and mayor pro tempore; mayor's veto.**

- (a) The city council shall, at its first meeting in January after the regular biennial election of council members or as soon thereafter as practicable, elect one (1) of its members mayor. The mayor shall continue in office two (2) years. If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor before the end of the term, such vacancy shall be filled as provided by section 8 of the Charter. The mayor shall have no veto power.
- (b) At the same time, the city council shall elect one (1) of its members to be vice-mayor, who shall continue in office two (2) years. If a vacancy occurs in the office before the end of their term, such vacancy shall be filled as provided by section 8 of the Charter.
- (c) The mayor shall preside at the meetings of the city council and when, from any cause, they shall be absent, the vice-mayor shall preside. In the absence of both, a mayor pro tempore may be elected.
- (d) The vice-mayor, in the absence of the mayor and while acting as mayor, shall be vested with all the rights and duties of the mayor.

(Code 1976, § 2-7; 9-7-21(1), § 2)

This ordinance shall be effective upon its approval.