

## CHAPTER 15

### MAYOR

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**15.01 TERM OF OFFICE.** The Mayor is elected for a term of two (2) 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. Act as the chief executive officer of the City and presiding officer of the Council, supervise all departments of the City, except for supervisory duties delegated to the City Administrator, 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. Proclamation of Emergency. Have authority to take command of the police and govern the City by proclamation, upon making a determination that a time of emergency or public danger exists. Within the City limits, the Mayor has all the powers conferred upon the Sheriff to suppress disorders.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[2])*

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. The Mayor may veto an ordinance, amendment or resolution within fourteen days after passage. The Mayor shall explain the reasons for the 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 all of the members of the Council.

*(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. Contracts. Whenever authorized by the Council, sign contracts on behalf of the City.
7. 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.
8. 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 Mayor Pro Tem and the Police Chief, and the Mayor also appoints, with Council approval, the following officials:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4)*

1. Library Board of Trustees
2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
3. Water Utility Board of Trustees
4. Zoning Board of Adjustment
5. Historic Preservation Commission

**15.04 COMPENSATION.** The salary of the Mayor is three thousand, nine hundred fifty dollars (\$3,950.00) per year, payable in equal monthly, bimonthly or biweekly installments.

*(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. As presiding officer, the Mayor may express his/her opinion and make recommendations to the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4)*