

GENERAL ORDINANCES

of the

TOWN OF JARRATT

VIRGINIA

At a special meeting of the Council of the Town of Jarratt, Virginia, held on the 13th day of July, 1938, and continued on the 14th, 19th and 20th days of aforesaid month.

An ordinance to enact the general ordinances of the Town of Jarratt, Virginia.

Whereas, It is expedient that the General Ordinances of the Town of Jarratt, Virginia, be enacted and arranged in appropriate titles, chapters and sections, and that the whole shall be rendered concise and intelligible;

Therefore, Be it ordered and ordained by the Council of the Town of Jarratt, Virginia, in the manner and form following, to-wit:

CHAPTER I

Section 1. The ordinances embraced in the following titles, chapters and sections of this ordinance shall constitute and be designated and cited as the "Code of the Town of Jarratt".

CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Section 2. The rules for the construction of statutes as given in the Code of Virginia shall so far as applicable, govern the construction of these ordinances, and all other ordinances and resolutions of the Council.

Section 3. The word "street" shall be construed to embrace streets, alleys, lanes, and all species of public highways in the Town.

Section 4. Whenever the word "Town" appears in these ordinances, it is understood and shall be taken to refer to the Town of Jarratt, Virginia, unless otherwise distinctly expressed in the ordinance.

CHAPTER II

THE MAYOR

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Mayor to enforce the ordinances of the Town and all orders and resolutions of the Council. He shall exercise a constant supervision and control over the conduct of all subordinate municipal officers and receive and examine all complaints against them for misconduct or neglect of duty. He shall recommend to the Council by a message in writing at its first regular meeting in September of each and at such other times as he may deem proper such measures as he may consider necessary and expedient to the public welfare.

Section 2. The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the Town and shall preside at all meetings of the Council and shall have the right to discuss all matters coming before the Council but shall not vote on such matters except in the case of a tie.

Section 3. Every ordinance or resolution having the effect of an ordinance shall be before it becomes operative be presented to the Mayor. If he approves it, he shall sign it, if not, he shall return it to the Clerk of the Council with his objection or objections, who shall report the same to the Council at their next meeting and the Council shall precede to reconsider it. If after such consideration, two-thirds of all the members elected to the Council shall agree to pass the ordinance or resolution, it shall become operative immediately notwithstanding the objection of the Mayor. If the Mayor fails to return any ordinance or resolution within three days (Sunday excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, it shall become operative in like manner as if he had signed it unless his term of office or of that of the Council shall expire within said three days and in that event on the day on which such term of office expires.

Section 4. The Mayor shall be elected at the next general election and every two years thereafter by the qualified voters of the Town for the term of two years and his term of office shall begin on the 1st day of September next ensuing, and he shall hold

Code of Virginia
Title 15.2. Counties, Cities and Towns
Chapter 14. Governing Bodies of Localities

§ 15.2-1423. Powers of chairman or mayor.

In addition to being presiding officer, the chairman or mayor, as the case may be, shall be the head of the local government for all official functions and ceremonial purposes. He shall have a vote but no veto.

In the event that there is no chief administrative officer, it shall be the duty of the chairman or mayor, as the case may be, to see that the functions set forth in § 15.2-1541 are carried out if the governing body has not acted otherwise.

1997, c. 587.

chapter 2
section 2
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Code of Virginia

Title 15.2. Counties, Cities and Towns

Chapter 15. Local Government Personnel, Qualification for Office, Bonds, Dual Office Holding and Certain Local Government Officers

§ 15.2-1541. Administrative head of government.

Every chief administrative officer shall be the administrative head of the local government in which he is employed. He shall be responsible to the governing body for the proper management of all the affairs of the locality which the governing body has authority to control.

He shall, unless it is otherwise provided by general law, charter or by ordinance or resolution of the governing body:

1. See that all ordinances, resolutions, directives and orders of the governing body and all laws of the Commonwealth required to be enforced through the governing body or officers subject to the control of the governing body are faithfully executed;
2. Make reports to the governing body from time to time as required or deemed advisable upon the affairs of the locality under his control and supervision;
3. Receive reports from, and give directions to, all heads of offices, departments and boards of the locality under his control and supervision;
4. Submit to the governing body a proposed annual budget, in accordance with general law, with his recommendations;
5. Execute the budget as finally adopted by the governing body;
6. Keep the governing body fully advised on the locality's financial condition and its future financial needs;
7. Appoint all officers and employees of the locality, except as he may authorize the head of an office, department and board responsible to him to appoint subordinates in such office, department and board;
8. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the governing body.

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