

Amended Bill No. 27, Ordinance No. 26 of 2022

ARTICLE 123

Mayor

123.01	Executive power.	123.06	Acting Mayor.
123.02	Election, term and qualifications.	123.07	Incompatible offices.
123.03	Duties.	123.08	Rewards.
123.04	Powers.	123.09	Department of Economic and Community Development.
123.05	Vacancy.		

CROSS REFERENCES

Election and term - see 3rd Class Charter Law §403
(53 P.S. §41403)

Duties - see 3rd Class Charter Law §412 (53 P. S. §41412)

Absence - see 3rd Class Charter Law §414 (53 P.S. §41414)

Qualifications - see 3rd Class §1201 (53 P.S. §36201)

123.01 EXECUTIVE POWER.

The executive power of the City government shall be vested in and exercised by the Mayor. (Ord. 2-1962 §301.)

123.02 ELECTION, TERM AND QUALIFICATIONS.

The Mayor shall be elected by the voters of the City at a regular municipal election. His term of office shall begin on the first Monday of January next following his election and shall be for four years and until his successor qualifies. He shall be at least twenty-one years of age, shall have been a resident of the City throughout one year immediately preceding his election and shall reside in the City throughout his term of service.
(Ord. 1-1975 §1. Passed 1-21-75.)

123.03 DUTIES.

The Mayor shall enforce the charter and ordinances of the City and all general laws applicable thereto. He shall supervise all of the departments of City government and the conduct of all City officers under his jurisdiction and shall require each department head to make such reports to him as he deems desirable. He shall report annually to Council and to the public, the same time as the Budget is submitted, on the work of the preceding year and on the condition and needs of the City government. He shall make such recommendations for action by Council as he deems in the public interest.
(Ord. 15- 1990 § 1. Passed 10-2-90.)

123.04 POWER.

(a) The Mayor may attend meetings of the Council and may participate in its discussions. However, he shall have no vote in Council except, if he so desires, to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie in the filling of a vacancy in Council.

(b) All bonds, notes, contracts and written obligations of the City shall be executed by the Mayor together with the Controller.

(c) In the carrying out of his duty to supervise the departments of City government and the conduct of all City officers under his jurisdiction, the Mayor may issue subpoenas and compulsory processes, under his official seal, for the attendance of such persons and the production of such books and papers as he deems necessary and may have enforcement of such subpoenas by the Court of Common Pleas of York County.

(d) The Mayor shall appoint all department heads with the advice and consent of a majority of Council passing upon the appointment. The Mayor, at his pleasure, may remove any department head after notice and an opportunity to be heard; but before removing such person, the Mayor shall file a written notice of his intent to remove with Council, the removal becoming effective on the twentieth day after such filing. Any employee of a department may be removed by the head of the department with the approval of the Mayor.
(Ord. 2-1962 §304.)

123.05 VACANCY.

(a) If vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor, Council shall fill such vacancy within thirty days by choosing a qualified person to serve as Mayor until the first Monday in January following the next municipal election occurring at least 200 days after the vacancy occurs. At such municipal election a qualified person shall be elected to serve from the first Monday of January following, for a new term of four years. If a vacancy occurs within 200 days of a regular municipal election at which the office of Mayor is to be filled for a new term of four years, the person selected by Council shall serve only until the first Monday in January following such election.

(b) If a vacancy in the office of Mayor is not filled by Council within the time specified above, the Court of Common Pleas of York County, upon petition of ten or more qualified electors of the City, shall fill such vacancy by the appointment of a qualified person for the portion or all of the unexpired term as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Until such time as either Council or the court fills a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Director of the Department of Administration shall serve as Mayor and shall possess all the rights, perform all the duties and exercise all the powers thereof.
(Ord. 2-1962 §305.)

123.06 ACTING MAYOR.

The Mayor shall designate by executive order any department head or the City Clerk to act as Mayor whenever the Mayor is unable to attend to the duties of his office; and the person so designated shall possess all of the rights, powers and duties of the Mayor. If the disability of the Mayor to attend to his duties persists for sixty consecutive days, Council shall appoint one of its members as Acting Mayor; and such member shall succeed to all of the rights, powers and duties of the Mayor or then Acting Mayor, as the case may be, until such time as the disability of the Mayor ceases or a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor or the term of office of the Mayor expires. (Ord. 2-1962 § 306.)

123.07 INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES.

The Mayor shall not serve as a member of Council or otherwise hold any office or employment in the City government for which compensation is prescribed; nor shall he hold any office or employment under the government of the United States or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or serve as a member of Congress or of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. (Ord. 2-1962 §307.)

123.08 REWARDS.

(a) The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered, by executive order, to offer suitable monetary rewards not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each, for the arrest and conviction of persons guilty of capital or other high or serious crimes within the City, and for the recovery of stolen property within the City.

(b) When any person qualifies for the reward offered by performing the acts or things required by such executive order, the City may then pay to such person the amount of the reward offered. (Ord. 45-1948 §1, 2.)

123.09 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

The Department of Economic and Community Development shall under its Director administer Article 136. The Director shall be the City's liaison with all internal departments and external organizations to determine the economic development impact of their programs and services to the City. Such groups include, but are not limited to, Downtown, Inc., York Business Improvement District Authority, York County Industrial Development Council. ~~The Director shall serve as staff assistance to the General Authority of the City of York.~~ In addition, the Director shall be responsible for the development, application and administration of Federal, State and Foundation Grant Programs pertaining to economic and physical development, urban renewal and City planning with appropriate internal departments and external organizations. The Director shall also be responsible for the planning and implementation of programs directed at the betterment of the Community and its Neighborhoods. This will include being responsible for the development, application and administration of the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program, Health Department, Planning and Zoning, as well as Federal, State and Foundation Grant Programs pertaining to community and physical development and community-based partnerships. The Director shall be the City's liaison with all internal departments and external organizations such as the Redevelopment Authority and Neighborhood Resource Center to determine the community development impact of their programs and services to the City. This will require appropriate interaction with internal departments and community organizations.