

ARTICLE IV - Mayor

Section 1. Term. The Mayor in office at the time this Charter is adopted shall continue in office until the end of his/her term of office as fixed by the Charter of the City in effect at the time this Charter is adopted. At the biennial general election held in 1972, and every fourth year thereafter, a Mayor shall be elected for a term of four (4) years.

Section 2. Powers and Duties. The Mayor is the political head of the city government. He or she shall exercise careful supervision over the general affairs of the City and, with the City Council, over the City Manager and City Attorney, as well as other appointive officers as may be created by this Charter. Appointive officers are those city employees who are hired by and report directly to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor shall make a report to Council and the citizens of Ashland on the state of the city at or as soon as practical following the first Council meeting of each calendar year. (Charter amendment 05-19-2020)

Section 3. Vote. The Mayor shall not be entitled to vote on any ordinance or measure before the Council except in the case of a tie vote, in which case he/she shall have the power to vote, and must vote either in the affirmative or in the negative. The Mayor shall, within five (5) days after the passage of any ordinance, either approve or veto the same, and no ordinance shall go into effect until approved by the Mayor or passed by the Council over his/her veto.

The Mayor shall, in case he/she vetoes any ordinance or resolution, file such veto with the City Recorder, together with reasons for his/her disapproval, which veto and message of disapproval shall be read at the next meeting of the Council, and such ordinance or resolution be put upon its passage again; and, if two-thirds of the Council members shall vote in the affirmative, it shall become law without the Mayor's approval, but not otherwise. In passing all resolutions and ordinances, the ayes and nays shall be called and a permanent record made of the vote thereon.