

Sec. 2.11. - Terms and qualifications of office.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 5.10 of this charter, the terms of office of the mayor and councilmembers which begin on or after January 1, 2001, shall be for a period of four years and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember unless he or she: (1) has been a resident of the city for a period of one year immediately prior to the date of his or her election; (2) continues to reside within the city during his or her period of service; (3) is registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of the City of Dahlonega; and (4) meets the qualification standards required for members of the Georgia House of Representatives as are now or may in the future be prescribed by the Georgia Constitution.

(2000 Ga. Laws (Act No. 510), page 3591, § 1)

Sec. 5.10. - Regular election.

- (a) The mayor and councilmembers of the City of Dahlonega who are serving as such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the city council shall consist of six members, all of whom shall be elected at large as provided in this section, and the mayor who is elected at large as provided in this section.
- (b) For purposes of electing members of the city council, the City of Dahlonega shall consist of one election district with numbered posts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Each person seeking election as a councilmember shall designate the post for which such person seeks election.
- (c) In order to be elected as a member of the city council from a council district, a person must receive a plurality of votes cast for that office in the entire city. At the time of qualifying for election as a member of the city council, each candidate for such office shall specify the post for which that person is a candidate. A person elected or appointed as a member of the city council must continue to reside in the city during that person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.
- (d) The mayor may reside anywhere within the City of Dahlonega and, if elected, must receive a plurality of votes cast for that office in the entire city. The mayor must continue to reside within the city during that person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.
- (e)
 - (1) Larry Crowel, the member of the council elected at the November, 2001, general election, shall be designated to be serving from and representing Post 1.
 - (2) Guy Laboa, the member of the council elected at the November, 2001, general election, shall be designated to be serving from and representing Post 2.
 - (3) Dudley Owens, the member of the council elected at the November, 2001, general election, shall be designated to be serving from and representing Post 3.
 - (4) Michael Clemons, the member of the council elected at the November, 2003, general election, shall be designated to be serving from and representing Post 4.
 - (5) Bill Northquest, the member of the council elected at the November, 2003, general election, shall be designated to be serving from and representing Post 5.
 - (6) Terry Peters, the member of the council elected at the November, 2003, general election, shall be designated to be serving from and representing Post 6.
 - (7) The mayor and the members of the council representing Post 1, Post 2, and Post 3 shall be elected at the municipal general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2005, and quadrennially thereafter, and shall take office on the first day of January

immediately following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

- (8) The members of the council representing Post 4, Post 5, [and] Post 6 shall be elected at the municipal general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2007, and quadrennially thereafter and shall take office on the first day of January immediately following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(2000 Ga. Laws (Act No 510), page 3591, § 2; 2005 Ga. Laws (Act No. 211), page 3735, § 1)