

ARTICLE VII

Fiscal Officer

SECTION 7.01 APPOINTMENT.

A Fiscal Officer shall be appointed as provided in Section 3.05 (B) hereof. The Fiscal Officer need not be a resident of the Municipality or the State at the time of appointment, but shall be encouraged, after appointment, to reside within the Municipality.

SECTION 7.02 ACTING FISCAL OFFICER.

Upon recommendation of the Mayor, Council may appoint, by a two-thirds vote of its members, a qualified administrative officer of the Municipality or other person suitably qualified to exercise the powers and duties of the Fiscal Officer during this person's temporary absence, disability or suspension or when a vacancy occurs.

SECTION 7.03 RESPONSIBILITIES.

(A) The Fiscal Officer shall be responsible to the Administrator for the administration of all Municipal financial affairs placed in this person's charge by the Administrator, the Charter, or the Mayor and Council. The Fiscal Officer shall perform the duties and functions now or hereafter given to City Auditors and Treasurers under the general laws of Ohio to the extent those laws are not in conflict with this Charter.

(B) The Fiscal Officer shall prepare and submit appropriation measures, estimates, budgets, capital programs and other financial matters; provide full and complete information concerning the financial affairs and status of the Municipality as requested by the Mayor or Council; and provide full and complete information and assistance concerning the finances of any office, Department, Board or Commission of the Municipality as requested by the Mayor, Council, or Administrator.

(C) The Fiscal Officer shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by Council not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

SECTION 7.04 COMPENSATION.

Council shall fix the salary of the Fiscal Officer.

SECTION 7.05 REMOVAL

The Administrator shall supervise the Fiscal Officer, but discipline or, upon recommendation by the Mayor, termination of the Fiscal Officer shall be subject to the approval of Council by a vote of two-thirds of its members. Without the recommendation of the Mayor, the Council may remove the Fiscal Officer by a vote of five council members in favor of removal. The Fiscal Officer shall serve pursuant to the terms of an employment contract between the Municipality and the Fiscal Officer, provided that any such contract entered into between the Municipality and a Fiscal Officer on or after January 1, 2021 shall be subject to the approval of Council by two-thirds of its members.