

Section 3-09. Powers and Duties of the Mayor-President¹.

A. The Mayor-President¹ as chief executive officer of the City of Lafayette, Parish of Lafayette, and City-Parish Government shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) See that all laws, provisions of this charter and acts of the City Council and/or Parish Council, subject to the Mayor-President's¹ direction and supervision, are faithfully executed.
- (2) Appoint and suspend or remove for just cause all City of Lafayette, Parish of Lafayette and/or City-Parish Government employees and appointive administrative officers provided for by or under this charter, except as otherwise provided by this charter or other personnel rules adopted pursuant to this charter. The Mayor-President¹ may authorize any administrative officer who is subject to the Mayor-President's¹ direction and supervision to exercise these powers with respect to subordinates in the officer's department, office or agency.
- (3) Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies, except as otherwise provided by this charter.
- (4) Prepare and submit the annual operating budget and five (5) year capital improvement budget to the City Council and Parish Council.
- (5) Sign contracts for projects, equipment, non-professional services and materials and supplies specifically identified in the approved operating and capital improvement budgets or as specifically identified by ordinance. In accordance with pertinent provisions of this charter, including, but not limited to, Sections 1-06, 2-01, and 2-11, contracts for projects, equipment, nonprofessional services or materials and supplies not so identified shall be submitted to the City Council, the Parish Council, or both, as appropriate, for approval.

to this Section shall be submitted to the Council requesting the audit at one of its regularly scheduled meetings. All audits prepared pursuant to this Section shall be a public record, and a summary thereof shall be published at least once in the official journal.

Section 2-10. Council Employees.

A. The City Council and Parish Council shall jointly appoint a Clerk of the Council who shall serve at the pleasure of both Councils. The clerk shall give notice of City Council and Parish Council meetings to its members and the public, keep the journal of its proceedings, be official secretary of both Councils and perform such other duties as are assigned to the position by this charter or by either Council.

B. The City Council and Parish Council may, by ordinance, jointly authorize the hiring of such other employees as may be necessary to assist the City Council and Parish Council in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. Such employees shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and Parish Council.

C. The City Council and Parish Council shall, by ordinance, jointly fix the salaries of their employees.

Section 2-11. Action Requiring an Ordinance.

A. An act of either Council having the force of law shall be by ordinance. An act requiring an ordinance shall include but not be limited to those which:

- (1) Adopt or amend an administrative code.
- (2) Provide a fine or other penalty or establish a rule or regulation for violation of which a fine or other penalty may be imposed.
- (3) Levy taxes, assessments and charges.
- (4) Adopt the operating budget and capital improvement budget and appropriate funds.
- (5) Grant, renew or extend a franchise.
- (6) Provide for raising revenue.
- (7) Regulate the rate or other charges for service by the City of Lafayette, the Parish of Lafayette, or the City-Parish government.
- (8) Authorize the borrowing of money, in any manner authorized by law.
- (9) Incur debt in any manner authorized by law.
- (10) Dispose of any real property.

- (11) Convey or lease or authorize the conveyance or lease of any lands or property.
- (12) Acquire real property.
- (13) Adopt or modify the official map of the City or Parish.
- (14) Adopt or modify regulations for review and approval of plats.
- (15) Adopt or modify subdivision controls or regulations.
- (16) Adopt or modify the zoning plan, maps and regulations.
- (17) Amend or repeal any ordinance previously adopted.
- (18) Propose amendments to this charter.

B. All ordinances shall be codified in accordance with Article VI, Section 10 of the constitution.

C. An act of the City or Parish Council which is not to have the force of law may be enacted by resolution. A resolution may be used by either Council for purposes such as a formal expression or will of the Council; to authorize a person or persons to sign legal and financial documents for a project or purpose previously approved by ordinance; and as may be authorized by this charter. The Mayor-President's¹ veto authority shall not apply to resolutions.

D. All ordinances and resolutions shall be passed by the favorable vote of at least a majority of the authorized membership of the City or Parish Council except as otherwise provided in this charter.

E. An ordinance or resolution with subject matter that is within the legislative power of both the City Council and Parish Council shall be passed by a favorable vote of at least a majority of the authorized membership of each of the City Council and the Parish Council. The City Council and Parish Council may act jointly by a single joint ordinance or resolution, or they may act jointly by passage of separate resolutions or ordinances. In all cases, in order for the City Council and Parish Council to act jointly by separate ordinances or resolutions, such separate ordinances or resolutions must be identical in all material terms and shall not be severable. Illustrative subject matters that are within the legislative power of both the City Council and the Parish Council shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Items within the operating budget and capital improvement budget and appropriation of funds related thereto, arising out of or related to shared, joint, or common operations, employees, employee benefits, equipment, facilities, property, funding, or services, between the City and Parish.
- (2) Items arising out of or related to shared, joint, or common operations, employees, employee benefits, equipment, facilities, property, funding, or services, between the City and Parish.