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Sec. 11-1. When charter goes into effect.

This charter shall go into effect immediately upon its ratification by a vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting upon the question at an election and its approval by the governor as provided by the state constitution; and this charter shall supersede the law governing statutory aldermanic cities, under which the city has been operating.

Sec. 11-2. Officers and employees to continue.

When this charter goes into effect:

1. The mayor and councilmen shall continue in their respective offices until the expiration of their respective terms;
2. The city clerk, the city treasurer, the city marshal (chief of police), and the street commissioner shall continue in their respective offices until the expiration of their respective terms. During such time, the incumbents of these offices at the time this charter goes into effect may be removed only in a manner provided by law applicable to statutory aldermanic cities (under which the city has operated heretofore); and during such time, their salaries may not be decreased.
3. All other officers and employees of the city under the law applicable to statutory aldermanic cities (including members of boards and commissions) shall continue in their respective offices and positions of employment under this charter until their terms expire or until their services are terminated in accordance with the provisions of this charter.

Sec. 11-3. Ordinances continued.

All ordinances, insofar as they are not inconsistent with this charter, shall continue in effect until they are repealed or until they expire by their own limitation.

Sec. 11-4. Pending actions and proceedings.

The adoption of this charter shall not abate or otherwise affect any action or proceeding, civil or criminal, pending when it takes effect, brought by or against the municipality or any department, agency, or officer thereof.