
**Article VIII
City Administrator**

Sec. 1. Appointments; qualifications and compensation.

The Council shall appoint a city administrator for an indefinite term and fix his compensation. The city administrator shall be appointed solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications. He need not be a resident of the City of Yuma at the time of his appointment but shall reside in the city while in office.

Sec. 2. Removal of city administrator.

The City Administrator or Acting City Administrator may be removed with or without cause at any regular or special meeting by vote of four or more members of the city council. In the event of his removal, the council may at its discretion pay the city administrator any sum not exceeding two months salary as severance pay.

A dismissed city administrator shall be entitled, upon request, to a public hearing before the City Council. However, the action of the council shall be final and conclusive, and not subject to review by any court or agency. It is the intention of this charter to vest all authority and fix all responsibility for such suspension and removal in the council.

Sec. 3. Acting city administrator.

By letter filed with the city clerk the city administrator shall designate, subject to the approval of the council, a qualified city officer to exercise the powers and perform the duties of city administrator during his absence or disability as acting city administrator. During such absence or disability the council may revoke such designation at any time and shall appoint another officer of the city to serve as acting city administrator until the city administrator shall return or his disability shall cease. The council may also appoint an Acting City Administrator at any time there is a vacancy in the office of City Administrator.

Sec. 4. Responsibilities and duties of the city administrator.

The City Administrator shall be the chief administrative officer of the city. He shall be directly responsible to the council for the administration of all city affairs placed in his charge by or under this charter, or by ordinance. He shall have the following responsibilities and duties: