

Sec. 9-3. - Expelling, removing, forfeiting office.

The council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members. Council may punish or expel any member for gross misconduct, or for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or upon conviction of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude while in office, or for disorderly conduct, or violation of its rules during the term of office. No expulsion shall take place without the concurrence of six members, nor until the delinquent member shall have been notified of the charge and been given an opportunity to be heard. Any vacancy created upon the expulsion of a member shall be filled as provided for in this charter. In addition to these provisions and those regarding permanent inability, absence from eight consecutive regular council meetings shall operate to vacate the seat of a council member unless the absence is excused by resolution, adopted by vote of three-fifths of its members, setting forth such excuse and entered upon the journal.

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