



CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE #2022-24

1 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN**
2 **COUNCIL MET:**

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4 That Chapter 2. Administration - Article IV. Officers and Employees - Division 5. City Clerk be amended
5 by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue font and deleting the text indicated in red strikethrough as follows:

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7 **Sec. 2-281. - Appointment.**

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9 There shall be a city clerk selected by a **council majority vote of** the city council ~~at its annual meeting,~~
10 and such person shall serve as the clerk of the city council **until their successor has been duly chosen**
11 **and qualified, but subject to removal at any time by the council.**

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13 (Code 1981, § 2-116; Ord. of 3-12-2001)

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15 **Sec. 2-282. - Functions.**

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17 The city clerk shall perform the following functions:

- 18 (1) *Records generally.* Have charge of and preserve the records, books and papers of the city that are
19 entrusted to him by this Code or by the city manager;
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21 (2) *Meetings.* Attend all meetings of the city council and transcribe a record of the proceedings;
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23 (3) *Ordinance records.* Keep records of all ordinances adopted by the city;
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25 (4) *Notices.* Prepare and sign, at the direction of the city council or the city manager, all notices for
26 grading, paving, graveling or curbing sidewalks or the placing of gutterplates, notices for
27 opening streets and condemnation of land and whatever other notices that the city shall direct;
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29 (5) *Recording and filing.* Record or file reports or papers, at the direction of the city council or the
30 city manager;
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32 (6) *Other duties.* Perform such other duties as required by law, by this Code or as directed by the
33 mayor or city council.

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35 (Code 1968, § 2-26; Code 1981, § 2-117; Ord. of 3-12-2001)

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37 **Sec. 2-283. - Records management program.**

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39 The city records management program shall consist of an established policy and procedures, as follows:

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41 (1) *Policy.* A records management policy shall be established and implemented by the city to ensure
42 the safety of essential records; to provide for an archival depository for the permanent

43 preservation of historical records; and to provide an orderly system of maintaining, retrieving
 44 and storing of records and proper and legal disposal of obsolete records. In order to establish an
 45 efficient and economic records program, it shall be the duty and responsibility of each
 46 department head to ensure compliance within their department of the city records management
 47 policy. Should a department fail to comply with the records management policy, the records
 48 manager or his designee has the authority to serve as the records coordinator for the department
 49 in implementing the policy.

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 51 (2) *Records manager.* The city clerk is hereby designated as the records manager for the city and is
 52 responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the city records management policy. The
 53 records management policy shall incorporate the minimum requirements and guidelines set forth
 54 in 29 Del. C. § 501 et seq. The records manager shall serve as the city's liaison with the state
 55 bureau of archives and records. The records manager shall also serve as the coordinator of all
 56 city departments and shall develop, or assist in the development of, records management
 57 procedures specific to those departments consistent with state law, the city Charter, and this
 58 Code.

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 60 (Code 1981, § 2-118; Ord. of 8-12-1996)

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 62 **Secs. 2-284—2-300. - Reserved.**

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 68 **SYNOPSIS**

69 This ordinance is to make a technical correction to mirror the changes made in the Charter that was
 70 adopted on September 9, 2022, H.B. 456.

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 72 (SPONSORS: ANDERSON AND HUGG)

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 75 Actions History:

76 November 15, 2022 - Introduced at Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee