

budget for the next succeeding fiscal year, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of Ohio.

Section 4.04. Salaries and Bonds. The Council shall have the power to fix the compensation of its members and that of the Mayor, the Director of Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Law, officers of the municipality, of each job classification, and the members of any board or commission of the municipality, whether elected, appointed, or chosen.

The Mayor, Director of Administration, Director of Finance, and other such officials or employees, or members of boards and commissions as Council may require, shall give bond in such amount and with such surety as may be approved by Council. The premium for such bonds shall be paid by the municipality.

The compensation of the Mayor and each member of Council shall be fixed at least thirty days prior to the filing date of the nominating petitions for the terms beginning on the next succeeding first of December, and shall not be changed during the term of office or any part thereof.

The Council may authorize the payment or reimbursement of expenses incurred by any officer, employee or member of any board or commission of the municipality for travel, membership in an association, or otherwise in the interest of the municipality.

Section 4.05. Contracts and Purchasing. The Mayor may, within the amounts and items appropriated by the Council, make purchases and enter into contracts in behalf of the municipality involving expenditures not in excess of \$10,000.00 or such greater amount as shall be established from time to time by Section 735.05 of the OHIO REVISED CODE. No contract involving expenditures in excess of \$10,000.00 or such greater amount as shall be established from time to time by Section 735.05 of the OHIO REVISED CODE shall be entered into without prior approval of the Board of Control.

The Board of Control for consideration and awarding of contracts shall consist of the Mayor, Director of Administration, Director of Finance, and Director of Law. All meetings of the Board of Control shall be open to the public. All actions of the Board of Control shall be by a vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Control.

No purchase or contract involving an expenditure in excess of \$10,000.00 or such greater amount as shall be established from time to time by Section 735.05 of the OHIO REVISED CODE shall be made except with a qualified, responsible bidder submitting the lowest and best bid as determined by the Board of Control after advertising for bids in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality on two successive weeks. The decision of the Board of Control as to the qualifications and responsibility of the bidder shall be final, provided the Board of Control acts in good faith. The Board of Control may reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

It is further provided, however, that the Board of Control may authorize contracts for personal services without advertising for bids and may authorize purchases or enter into contracts involving an expenditure in excess of \$10,000.00 or such greater amount as shall be established from time to time by Section 735.05 of the OHIO REVISED CODE without advertising for bids if Council determines and declares by an affirmative vote of at least six (6) members that an emergency exists, sets forth the nature of the emergency in its minutes, and appropriates the necessary funds. For the purpose of this section, any reference in the OHIO REVISED CODE or in the Ordinances of the City of North Canton to a "Certified Check" shall

include a "Cashier's Check."

ARTICLE V

NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, QUALIFICATIONS

Section 5.01. Effect of State Law. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, the laws of the State of Ohio, or amendments thereto, shall govern the nominations and election of elective officers of the municipality.

Section 5.02. Nominations. There shall be no primary election for municipal office. Nomination for elective office of the municipality shall be by petition only. Each candidate shall file a separate petition; group petitions shall not be used.

Standard forms provided by the County Board of Elections for the nomination of non-partisan candidates for such office shall be filed with the Board of Elections at least ninety (90) days before the day of election.

Nominating petitions shall require at least twenty-five (25) signatures of electors and no more than fifty (50) signatures. The signature of the candidate indicating acceptance of the nomination and willingness to accept office if elected shall appear on each copy of the petition. The petition may be in a number of parts, but each part shall be verified under oath by the circulator as required by law.

Section 5.03. Elections. The regular municipal election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the odd numbered years. At any time by resolution, the Council may order a special election, the purpose of which shall be set forth in the resolution.

The names of all candidates nominated for elective office in the municipality shall be printed on the official ballot without party designation. The names of all candidates shall be rotated on the ballot as provided by the laws of the State of Ohio.

A blank space shall be provided under the title of each office and below the name or names of the candidate or candidates for that office wherein an elector may write in the name of a person not printed on the ballot under that office for whom the elector desires to vote.

Section 5.04. Qualifications. Each elected officer of the municipality shall be an elector of the municipality and shall have resided therein or in a territory annexed thereto for a period of at least two (2) years immediately prior to nomination for such office and shall continue to reside therein during the elected term.

Each Council Member elected to represent a ward shall be a continuous resident and qualified elector of the ward the member represents, or territory annexed thereto, during the term of office.

The Mayor and members of Council shall hold no other elective public office. They shall not be otherwise employed by, nor shall they hold any other office in, this municipality, except as provided by the Charter.

Section 5.05. Vacancies. In case of death, disqualification, removal from office or resignation of the Mayor, the President of Council shall become the