

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A POLICY ON THE
FILLING OF VACATED COUNCIL SEATS

RESOLUTION NO. 1190

The Common Council of the City of New London hereby resolves that the following policy be adopted:

Procedure to fill vacated Council Seats

1. Whenever there are less than 16 months remaining in the term of office for a vacated seat, such vacation shall be filled by appointment.
2. Whenever there are more than 16 months remaining in the term of office for a vacated seat, such seat shall be filled by appointment until the next Spring election. At such Spring election a person shall be elected for the completion of the vacated term.
3. Elections shall be conducted in the normal manner with nomination papers due in January, a primary in February, if needed, and an election on the 1st Tuesday in April.
4. Appointment procedure:
 - a) The vacancy shall be advertised
 - b) Persons residing in the affected District who are interested in the office shall submit their names to the City Clerk along with a resume or letter of introduction.
 - c) These persons will be allowed to speak to Council at a regular meeting.
 - d) Their names shall then be placed in nomination
 - e) Ballots shall be cast by Council Members who shall, on slips of paper, write their name and the name of their choice for the office.
 - f) These slips will then be collected by the City Clerk who will tally and report the results of the ballots.
 - g) If any Candidate fails to get a majority of votes, defined as more than half of the non-vacant member seats, the members shall revote. If there are more than 2 candidates that person receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped from consideration upon each subsequent ballot. Voting will continue until one nominee receives a majority of votes.
 - h) The ballot slips shall be retained and the final balloting tally made part of the official recorded.
 - i) This person will then take the Oath of Office and be seated.

Adopted this 10th day of July, 2007

BY: _____
Wayne Toltzman, Mayor

Attest: _____
James R. Villiesse, City Clerk