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[Art.] 84. [Oath of Civil Officers.] Any person chosen governor, councilor, senator, or representative, military or civil officer, (town officers excepted) accepting the trust, shall, before he proceeds to execute the duties of his office, make and subscribe the following declaration, viz. -

I, A.B. do solemnly swear, that I will bear faith and true allegiance to the United States of America and the state of New Hampshire, and will support the constitution thereof. So help me God.

I, A.B. do solemnly and sincerely swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all duties incumbent on me as, according to the best of my abilities, agreeably to the rules and regulations of this constitution and laws of the state of New Hampshire. So help me God.

Any person having taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance, and the same being filed in the secretary's office, he shall not be obliged to take said oath again.

Provided always, when any person chosen or appointed as aforesaid shall be of the denomination called Quakers, or shall be scrupulous of swearing, and shall decline taking the said oaths, such person shall take and subscribe them, omitting the word "swear," and likewise the words "So help me God," subjoining instead thereof, "This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury."

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as.....according to the best of my abilities, agreeably to the rules and regulations of this constitution, and the laws of the State of New Hampshire. So help me God.

June 2, 1784

Amended 1792 three times, changing president to governor; shortening oath of allegiance; and dispensing with need to take second oath.

Amended 1970 adding allegiance to the United States of America.

TITLE III TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGE DISTRICTS, AND UNINCORPORATED PLACES

CHAPTER 42 OATHS OF TOWN OFFICERS

Section 42:1

42:1 Oath Required. – Every town officer shall make and subscribe the oath or declaration as prescribed by part 2, article 84 of the constitution of New Hampshire and any such person who violates said oath after taking the same shall be forthwith dismissed from the office involved.

Source. RS 35:1. CS 37:1. GS 38:1. GL 41:1. PS 44:1. PL 48:1. RL 60:1. RSA 42:1. 1969, 372:4, eff. Aug. 31, 1969.

**ARTICLE XI
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

C11-1. Oath of Office.

Every person elected or appointed to any city office, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe to such oath of office or affirmation as provided by law, which shall be filed and kept in the office of the City Clerk.

C11-2. Notice of Election or Appointment.

Written notice of the election or appointment to any city office or board shall be mailed to the individual involved at their last known address, by the City Clerk, within forty-eight (48) hours after the appointment is made or the results of any vote are certified by the Board of Supervisors of Elections to the City Council. Said notice shall state that within ten (10) days, the individual involved shall file with the City Clerk an acceptance of his/her election or appointment and failure to do so shall be deemed a refusal to serve, and the position shall thereupon be vacant.

C11-3. Vacancies.

In addition to other provisions of this Charter, a vacancy shall be deemed to exist in any department, office or board whenever an officer, member or employee dies, resigns, is removed for just cause, is permanently physically or mentally incapacitated to the degree they are unable to perform their duties, are judicially declared to be mentally incompetent or, in those instances where residence in the city or in one of its several wards is initially required, he/she moves from the city or ward and establishes his/her residence in some other place. Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, vacancies occurring under this section shall be declared to exist by the Manager in the case of department heads and by the department head in the case of departmental personnel.

C11-4. Ethics Commission.

The City Council shall establish by ordinance a five member Ethics Commission. The Commission will investigate complaints filed against members of the City Council, School Board, and members of standing city boards and commissions. If the Commission believes a complaint warrants further action or censure it will forward its recommendation to the City Council for adjudication or the school board for complaints made against school board members. At least one member of the Commission shall be a former Councilor or School Board member. [Added 11-05-2005 by Municipal Election]



OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____ of Dover, New Hampshire do solemnly swear that that I will bear faith and true allegiance to the United States of America and the State of New Hampshire and will support the constitutions thereof.

I, _____ do solemnly and sincerely swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all duties incumbent on me as _____ of the City of Dover according to the best of my abilities, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the constitution and laws of the State of New Hampshire, and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Dover. *So help me God.*

(signature)

Dated this ____ day of _____, _____.

ACCEPTED BY:

CITY CLERK

Date of Municipal Election: