



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ CITY ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; PRESCRIBING THE QUALIFICATIONS THEREOF AND RESPONSIBILITIES THEREOF (**NOTE: THIS ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED BY ORD-78:1962 ON DECEMBER 4, 1978; ORD-85:1643 ON MARCH 4, 1985**)

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas:

Section 1: CREATING OFFICE. There is hereby created and established the position of Public Works Director/City Engineer of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas. The said Engineer shall be appointed by a majority vote of the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, and shall serve and hold office at the will and discretion of said City Council.

Section 2: QUALIFICATIONS. The incumbent to the herein established position shall be a duly qualified registered professional Civil Engineer licensed to practice within the State of Arkansas.

Section 3: SALARY AND REMUNERATION. The said Public Works Director/City Engineer shall receive such salary and remuneration for his services to the City and for carrying out the responsibilities hereinafter prescribed as shall from time to time fixed by resolution of the City Council of the City of Jonesboro.

Section 4: DUTIES AND AUTHORITY. The duties and authority of the Public Works Director/City Engineer of the City of Jonesboro shall be as follows:

- (a) He or a person so designated shall supervise the engineering, including plan and specification preparation and on-site inspection of Work, in connection with the maintenance and repair, construction and reconstruction of streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, drains, ditches, gutters, culverts, bridges, and all other city performed improvements, construction and repairs as directed by the Mayor and City Council.
- (b) He shall be ultimately responsible for insuring the preparation, professional certification and submission of plans and specifications with estimates of costs, when so directed by the Mayor and City Council, or proposed construction, reconstruction, extensions, or improvement, and shall supervise and be responsible for such construction or maintenance after same has been approved by the Mayor and City Council, and the construction or Improvement authorized, and shall when such work is done by contract, inspect and be responsible for the proper performances and completion of the contract for such improvements.
- (c) He shall be ultimately responsible for insuring the examination of all plats and specifications of proposed subdivisions within the corporate limits or under the jurisdiction of the City Planning Commission, before such plats and specifications are submitted to the City Planning Commission, and shall certify said submission as to their agreement with the master street plan and that such subdivision plat, plans and specifications, conform to the subdivision ordinance, rules and regulations, of the City of Jonesboro.
- (d) He or a person he so designates shall from time to time as deemed necessary inspect all such subdivision improvements as the subdivision work progresses to determine and insure that such work is done in conformity to the subdivision rules, regulation and standards provided for by the laws and ordinances of the City of Jonesboro, and shall institute prosecution of any deviation from such regulations or violations thereof.
- (e) He shall establish all grades for streets, curbs and sidewalks, drains and storm sewers within the City of

Jonesboro, when they are to be constructed by the City, and when such improvements are done by contract, or by a sub-divider, shall check and certify.

(f) He or a person he so designates shall be responsible for checking all building permit applications to determine compliance with City Ordinances and shall deny such applications as contain deficiencies.

(g) He shall be ultimately responsible for and he or a person he so designates shall supervise all of the duties not imposed upon the plumbing inspector, and electrical inspector, and shall make or cause to be made all examinations and inspections required under the ordinances of the City of Jonesboro pertaining to such duties and offices, and shall enforce the provisions of all such ordinances.

(h) He shall head a department of Public Works which department shall include those services of solid waste collection and disposal, street and drainage maintenance and construction and building and zoning inspection, and sub-division development control. Supervisors of sanitation, street, and inspection functions shall be responsible directly to the Director of Public Works/City Engineer for the efficient administration of their respective divisions.

(i) Said Engineer shall perform such other similar or related duties and exercise such other similar or related powers as may from time to time be required or conferred by the City Council of the City of Jonesboro.

Section 5: REPORT TO COUNCIL. Said Engineer shall make a report to the Mayor and City Council at the first regular meeting of the City Council each month, and shall meet with the City Council at all other regular meetings for the purpose of reporting to and advising with the City Council upon matters coming before such council meetings.

Section 6: VALIDITY. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 7: This article shall not repeal any other Ordinance, except Sections 2-24.1 through 2-24.5, of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, but the provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative with and to such other laws or ordinances.

Section 8: EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It being found and determined by the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, that the affairs and business of the City of Jonesboro having reached such an extent and involve so many problems of a technical nature that it is absolutely essential that the City have technical engineering training, experience and advice upon its many engineering problems, and that the office of Public Works Director/City Engineer is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, adoption and publication.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1976.