

24. If any candidate or duly qualified elector be dissatisfied with the decision of the presiding officer in any election for Mayor, Councillors, or Assessors, such candidate or elector shall, within ten days after such election, make application in writing, through the City Clerk, to the City Council, setting forth the cause of complaint, and demanding an investigation thereof; and the City Council, on notice in writing from the City Clerk, shall assemble and examine and determine such complaint without delay; but the Mayor or Councillors whose return or seat is in dispute, shall not vote on the examination of such complaint.: If it shall appear to the City Council, by satisfactory evidence, that any person has been returned, and is serving as Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, contrary to the provisions of this Act, the City Council shall declare his election to be void, and shall direct a new election to be held to supply his place.

25. Every person elected to the office of Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, within five days after receiving notice of his election, shall accept the office to which he shall be so elected, and take the oath of office, under a penalty of ten pounds currency for non-acceptance of the office of Mayor, or of five pounds for non-acceptance of the office of Councillor, or of three pounds for non-acceptance of the office of Assessor. The election to any of the said offices shall be held *prima facie* evidence of qualification on the part of the person so elected, unless he shall make affidavit before the Mayor for the time being, or before any Justice of the Peace for the County of York, that he is not possessed of the qualification required by this Act in some particular, to be stated in such affidavit.

26. If any person duly elected to the office of Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, shall neglect or refuse to accept the same within the time limited, and to take the oath of office, the said office shall be deemed vacant, and shall be filled up by a new election to be made in the manner hereinafter provided.

27. The Mayor, Councillors, and Assessors, before entering upon the duties of their offices respectively, shall file with the City Clerk the assessment receipts received by them severally from the City Treasurer or Collector of Rates as hereinbefore provided, and shall also severally be sworn or make affirmation by taking and subscribing the oath of office as hereinafter