

**THE FOURTH CLASS CITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 215 of 1895**  
**CITY CLERK.**

**87.6 City clerk; powers, duties.**

Sec. 6.

The city clerk shall keep the corporate seal, and all the documents, official bonds, papers, files and records of the city, not by this act or the ordinances of the city entrusted to some other officer; he shall be clerk of the council; shall attend its meetings, record all its proceedings, ordinances and resolutions, and shall countersign and register all licenses granted; he shall, when required, make and certify under the seal of the city copies of the papers and records filed and kept in his office; and such copies shall be evidence in all places of the matters therein contained, to the same extent as the original would be; he shall possess and exercise the powers of a township clerk, so far as the same are required to be performed within the city; and he shall have authority to administer oaths and affirmations.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 3028 ;-- CL 1915, 2944 ;-- CL 1929, 1868 ;-- CL 1948, 87.6

**87.7 City clerk; general accountant; tax reports.**

Sec. 7.

The clerk shall be the general accountant of the city; and all claims against the corporation shall be filed with him for adjustment, and, after examination thereof, he shall report the same, with all accompanying vouchers and counter claims of the city, and the true balance as found by him, to the council, for allowance, and when allowed shall draw his warrant upon the treasurer for the payment thereof, designating thereon the fund from which payment is to be made, and take proper receipts therefor, but no warrant shall be drawn upon any fund after the same has been exhausted. When any tax or money shall be levied, raised or apportioned, the clerk shall report the amount thereof to the city treasurer, stating the objects and funds for which it is levied, raised, or appropriated, and the amounts thereof to be credited to each fund.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 3029 ;-- CL 1915, 2945 ;-- CL 1929, 1869 ;-- CL 1948, 87.7

**87.8 Supervision duties over moneys and property; accounts.**

Sec. 8.

The clerk shall exercise a general supervision over all officers charged in any manner with the receipt, collection and disbursement of the city revenues and over all the property and assets of the city; he shall have charge of all books, vouchers and documents relating to the accounts, contracts, debts and revenues of the corporation; he shall countersign and register all bonds issued, and keep a list of all property and effects belonging to the city, and of all its debts and liabilities; he shall keep a complete set of books, exhibiting the financial condition of the corporation and all its departments, funds, resources and liabilities, with a proper classification thereof and showing the purpose for which each fund was raised; he shall also keep an account with the treasurer, in which he shall charge him with all moneys received for each of the several funds of the city, and credit him with all the warrants drawn thereon, keeping a separate account with each fund; when any fund has been exhausted, the clerk shall immediately advise the council thereof.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 3030 ;-- CL 1915, 2946 ;-- CL 1929, 1870 ;-- CL 1948, 87.8

### **87.9 Financial report to council.**

Sec. 9.

The clerk shall report to the council, whenever required, a detailed statement of the receipts, expenditures, and financial condition of the city, of the debts to be paid, and moneys required to meet the estimated expenses of the corporation, and shall perform such other duties pertaining to his office as the council may require.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 3031 ;-- CL 1915, 2947 ;-- CL 1929, 1871 ;-- CL 1948, 87.9

### **87.10 Deputy; appointment, duties; responsibility of clerk.**

Sec. 10.

The clerk may, subject to the approval of the council, appoint a deputy, who shall possess all the powers and authority of the city clerk, and may exercise all the duties thereof, subject to the control of such clerk, and such deputy shall be paid for his services by the clerk, unless otherwise provided by the council. The clerk shall be responsible for all the acts and defaults of such deputy, and he may remove such deputy at his pleasure.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 3032 ;-- CL 1915, 2948 ;-- CL 1929, 1872 ;-- CL 1948, 87.10