

Borough Charter

ARTICLE 9. - MEDICAL CENTER

Section 9.01 - Borough Medical Center.

The Petersburg Medical Center shall operate and maintain an areawide medical services and hospital facility for the borough. The medical center shall be operated by a hospital board of seven members elected at large.

Section 9.02 - Membership, Qualification and Term.

- A. A candidate for hospital board must be a qualified borough voter and in addition, has resided in the borough for a period of one year prior to taking office. The term of a hospital board member is three years and the terms must be staggered to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of hospital board functions.
- B. Initial Transition Terms: In conjunction with the election that approves the borough and elects the assembly and mayor, a hospital board shall be elected. The initial terms of the hospital board shall be as follows: three hospital board members are elected for a three year term, two are elected for a two year term and two are elected for a one year term, the terms being assigned to the members by lot. For purposes of computing the length of the terms for persons elected to initial terms, the period between the initial election and the first Tuesday of October immediately following that initial election will not be considered. The first regular election provided for in Section 5.01 A. will occur no earlier than twelve months after the effective date of this Charter.
- C. The provisions of this Charter applicable to the assembly members and mayor apply to hospital board members to the extent permitted by law.

Section 9.03 - Powers and Duties of the Hospital Board.

The borough assembly, by ordinance, shall provide for the powers and duties of the hospital board, allowing for the greatest possible autonomy to operate and maintain borough medical facilities in the best interests of the public's health, including, but not limited to, the powers to:

- A. Formulate policy for the operation of the hospital;
- B. Appoint, promote, demote, suspend and remove the hospital administrator;
and

- C. Generally supervise hospital fiscal affairs, including preparation and submission of an annual budget and six-year capital improvements plan for equipment and buildings.

Section 9.04 - Joint Meetings.

The assembly and hospital board shall meet at least once yearly in public session to discuss and coordinate financial planning, capital improvement needs, comprehensive plans for health care and other matters of concern.

Section 9.05 - Administrative Procedures.

The borough assembly, by ordinance, shall establish procedures for the administration of borough hospital finances, buildings and property, allowing for the greatest possible autonomy of the hospital board to administer hospital affairs.