

Ordinance No. 04-19

ORDINANCE:

To amend Chapter 8 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Elections" by amending Section 8-25 so as to delete the requirement that all proceedings to fill a mayor or council vacancy be held in one open session

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND that Chapter 8 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Elections" be amended by amending Section 8-25 entitled "Elections by the Mayor and Council to fill a vacancy" as follows:

Sec. 8-25. Elections by the Mayor and Council to fill a vacancy.

(a) For an election by the Mayor and Council to fill a Councilmember vacancy due to any of the reasons enumerated in Article III, Section 5(a) of the City Charter, the following procedures apply.

(b) The Mayor and Council must publicly announce the vacancy and the process for applying to fill the vacancy and should fill the Councilmember vacancy within 75 days of the vacancy occurring or as soon thereafter as practicable. The application period must remain open for a minimum of 30 days.

(c) To apply, applicants must submit a narrative of their relevant experience and background, a statement of their priorities and vision for the City, and a financial disclosure statement. All application materials received by the City, with the exception of the financial disclosure statements, will be publicly posted on the City's website.

(d) All applicants who meet the requirements of Article II, Section 1(b) of the City Charter to serve as a Councilmember will be interviewed by the Mayor and Council. All proceedings for filling a vacancy must be held in ~~one~~ open session and must be televised except that the Mayor and Council may discuss an applicant's financial disclosure statement outside of a public meeting.

NOTE: ~~Strikethroughs~~ indicate material deleted

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of January 28, 2019.


Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/
Director of Council Operations