

Resolution No. 08-14
Charter Amendment No. CA2014-00061
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Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Rockville adopted pursuant to Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland, Sections. 4-303 and 4-304 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and the Charter of the City of Rockville to amend Section 1 of Article II, "The Mayor and Council," and Section 4 of Article III, "Registration, Nominations, and Elections," of the Charter of the City of Rockville so as to modify the timing of the Rockville City elections by changing the length of terms of the Mayor and Councilmembers from two years to four years beginning in 2015.

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, that Section 1 of Article II, and Section 4 of Article III of the Charter of the City of Rockville be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II

The Mayor and Council

Section 1. Number, Selection, Term, Qualification, and Payment.

a. All legislation powers of the City of Rockville shall be vested in a council consisting of a Mayor and four (4) Councilmembers, who shall be elected as hereinafter provided in Article III, Section 5 and who shall hold office for a term of ~~[[two (2)]]~~ four (4) years or until the succeeding Council takes office. Councilmembers holding office at the time this section becomes effective shall continue to hold office for the term for which they were elected and until the succeeding Council takes office.

ARTICLE III

Registration, Nominations, and Elections

Section 4. Election of Mayor and Council.

On the next Tuesday after the first Monday in the month of November in every fourth

year beginning in the year 2015, the qualified voters of the City shall elect one (1) person as Mayor and four (4) persons as Councilmembers to serve for terms of four (4) years.]]On the last Monday in April of every even numbered year, the qualified voters of the City shall elect one (1) person as Mayor and four (4) persons as Councilmembers to serve for terms of two (2) years or until the succeeding Council takes office. After the election to be held on April 30, 1984, the qualified voters of the City shall elect one (1) person as Mayor and four (4) persons as Councilmembers to serve for terms of two (2) years on the next Tuesday after the first Monday in the month of November in every odd numbered year.]]

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of the adoption of this Resolution is July 14, 2014, and that the amendment to the Charter of the Mayor and Council of Rockville hereby proposed by this enactment shall be and become effective on September 2, 2014, unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law. A complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be posted in City Hall until August 30, 2014, and a fair summary of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Rockville not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals before September 2, 2014.

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as soon as the Charter amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the Mayor and Council of Rockville shall send separately, by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to the Department of Legislative Reference, the following information concerning the charter amendment: (1) the complete text of the Charter of the Mayor and Council of Rockville as hereby enacted; (2) the date of the referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (3) the number of votes cast for and against the question concerning the Charter amendment, whether by the Council of the Mayor and Council of Rockville or in a referendum; and (4) the effective date of the Charter

amendment.

Section 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Mayor and Council of Rockville is hereby specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out the provisions of Sections 2 and 3. As evidence of compliance herewith, the said Mayor shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting (1) appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper in which the Title of this Resolution shall have been published and (2) the return receipts of the mailing referred to in Section 3, and shall further complete and execute the Certificate of Effect attached hereto.

ATTEST:

Douglass A. Barber

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg

Councilmember Tom Moore

Councilmember Virginia D. Onley

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