

Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Rockville adopted after a public hearing held on January 30, 2023, and 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 2 of Article II, "The Mayor and Council," of the Charter of the City of Rockville so as to modify the procedure for adopting ordinances by increasing the number of Councilmembers needed to request a public hearing on an ordinance when it is introduced and increasing the number of Councilmembers needed to affirmatively vote to waive the layover and agenda requirements to adopt an ordinance.

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, that Section 2 of Article II, of the Charter of the City of Rockville be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Section 2. - Meetings; Qualification of Members; Presiding Officer; Procedures.

e. No ordinance shall be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced. If, at the meeting at which an ordinance is introduced, ~~two (2)~~ three (3) or more members of the Council so request, a public hearing shall be required as herein provided prior to action thereon. Public hearings on ordinances shall be held by the Council, when required, only after first having given public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Rockville once a week for two (2) successive weeks, the last such notice to appear at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing. Such public notice shall generally summarize the contents of the proposed ordinance, and shall specify the time and place of the public hearing to be held thereon. Such public hearing shall be conducted by the Council, when required, under such procedures as it shall, in its discretion, establish. After the ordinance is introduced, it shall lay over for at least one (1) week, after which it may be brought up for discussion, amendment, or final action,

except in the case of an ordinance for which a public hearing is required, in which case it may not be brought up until after the required public hearing. The published agenda for the meeting at which final action takes place on any ordinance shall contain the descriptive title of the ordinance, and such description titles shall be published and permanently filed by the City Clerk and shall be kept available for public inspection. The provision that an ordinance may not be passed at the meeting at which it was introduced and the provision for inclusion of the descriptive title of the ordinance on the published agenda for the meeting of the Council may be suspended by the affirmative vote of ~~four (4)~~ six (6) members of the Council. All ordinances passed by the Council shall become effective immediately unless otherwise specified.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of the adoption of this Resolution is September 18, 2023, 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 November 7, 2023, 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 October 28, 2023, 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 October 28, 2023.

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 City Manager 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

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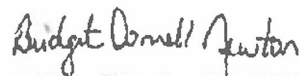
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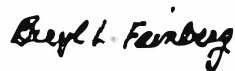
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any, held with respect thereto; (3) the number of votes cast for and against the question concerning the Charter amendment, whether by the Council of the Mayor and Council of Rockville or in a referendum; and (4) the effective date of the Charter amendment.



Mayor



Councilmember



Councilmember

ATTEST:



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



Councilmember



Councilmember