

**TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE**  
**RESOLUTION 12-2014**

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A Resolution of the Town of Centreville, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E, Section 4 of the Maryland Constitution and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Maryland Annotated Code (1957 Edition 2005 Replacement Volume) to add Sections 418 and 419 of the Centreville Town Charter, in order to establish a procedure for uncontested elections and clearly define write-in candidates.

WHEREAS, Section 418 will be added to clearly define the prohibition of write-in candidates for Town elections and;

WHEREAS, Section 419 will be added to define the process for elections where only one candidate has filed in accordance with Section 408 of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Elections has recommended certain changes to the Charter to clearly define uncontested elections and write-in candidates; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Centreville concurs with the recommendations of the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

NOW THEREFORE,

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE, that Sections 418 and 419 of the Centreville Town Charter be amended as shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto, with new material underlined and material to be deleted crossed out.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of passage of this Resolution is September 4, 2014, and the amendment of the Charter of the Town of Centreville hereby enacted shall become effective upon October 24, 2014 (the fiftieth day after passage), unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed with the Town Council in the form and in the manner prescribed in Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager shall cause a full and exact copy of the Resolution to be continuously posted on the bulletin board of the Town Hall until October 14, 2014 (the fortieth day after passage) and that the Town Manager shall further cause a fair summary of the charter amendment enacted by this Resolution to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Centreville at weekly intervals in each of the weeks of September 12, 2014, September 19, 2014, September 26, 2014 and October 3, 2014 and that the Town Clerk shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting appropriate certificates of publication and posting.

Section 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Town Council is hereby authorized and enjoined to declare this Resolution to be effective by affixing his signature hereto in the space provided on the effective date hereof.

Section 5. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted becomes effective (whether as herein provided or by referendum), the Town Manager shall cause to be delivered to the Department of Legislative Reference all the information regarding the Charter Amendment, this Resolution and any referendum held thereon as may be required by Section 9A of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE



George G. Sigler, President

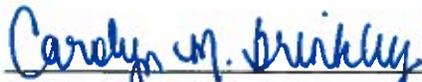


Timothy E. McCluskey, Vice President



Jim A. Beauchamp, Council Member

ATTEST:



Carolyn M. Brinkley, Town Clerk

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**Section 418. Write-In Candidates.**

Only those candidates who have filed a certificate of nomination in accordance with Section 408 of this Chapter are eligible for election. Any vote cast for a write-in candidate, shall not be allowed.

**Section 419. Uncontested Elections.**

If an election is uncontested, the Town Clerk will certify to the Town Council that only one candidate has filed and that the election will be cancelled. At the Town Council's organization meeting as described in Chapter II, Section 204 of the Town Charter, the Board of Supervisors of Elections will certify the result to the Town Council.

If no candidate files for an election, the expiring Council Member shall serve until a candidate is elected and qualified. The election under this provision shall be conducted in accordance with Section 414(b) of this Chapter. For the purpose of this section, the vacancy shall occur on the day when the Board of Supervisors of Elections certifies to the Town Council that no candidates have filed certificates of nomination in accordance with Section 408 of this Chapter. The deadline for filing certificates of candidacy for an election under this provision shall be no later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the scheduled election.