

**TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE
RESOLUTION 15-2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE
OF AMENDING THE TOWN CHARTER TO ESTABLISH STANDARD HOURS FOR
ELECTION POLLS TO BE OPEN AND MATTERS GENERALLY RELATED
THERE TO.**

WHEREAS, the Town Council has the authority under Article XI-E, Section 4 of the Maryland Constitution which allows for the adoption of a new charter, the amendment of any charter or local laws, or the repeal of any part of a charter or local laws; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has the authority under Section 4-301 et. seq. of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which describes the process of charter amendment by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section 410 shall be modified to establish standard hours for election polls to be open, in order to promote greater participation in the election process; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Centreville concurs with the recommendations of this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE,

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE, that Section 410 of the Centreville Town Charter be amended as follows, with new material underlined and material to be deleted, crossed out:

It is the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Elections to provide for each special and general election suitable place or places for voting and suitable ballot boxes and/or voting machines. The ballots and/or voting machines shall show the name of each candidate nominated for elective office in accordance with the provisions of this Charter, arranged in alphabetical order by office with no party designation of any kind. On Election Day, polls shall be open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of passage of this Resolution is September 21, 2017, and the amendment of the Charter of the Town of Centreville hereby enacted shall become effective upon November 10, 2017 (the fiftieth day after passage), unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed with the Town Council on or before the fortieth day after passage in the form and in the manner prescribed in Section 4-304(d) of the Local Government Article 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 31, 2017 (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

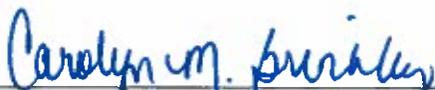
weeks of September 29, 2017, October 6, 2017, October 13, 2017 and October 20, 2017 and that the Town Clerk shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting appropriate certificates of publication and posting.

Section 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of Centreville is hereby authorized and enjoined to declare this Resolution to be effective by affixing their signatures 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 Sections 4-109 and 4-308 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

ATTEST:

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE



Carolyn M. Brinkley, Town Clerk



Timothy E. McCluskey, President



Jim A. Beauchamp, Vice President



Jeffrey C. Morgan, Member