

**TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE  
RESOLUTION 04-2020**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE TOWN CHARTER TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS  
RELATED TO THE ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MATTERS  
GENERALLY RELATED THERETO**

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, the Town Council of Centreville held a referendum election on increasing the number of Council Members from three to five members; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Town of Centreville approved the increase in the number of Council Members from three to five; and

WHEREAS, the change in the number of council members necessitates additional amendments to the charter to implement the change from three to five Council Members; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Centreville formed a six-member committee of residents to evaluate various alternatives to those additional charter amendments and to provide some recommended alternatives to the Town Council (the "Council of Five Committee"); and

WHEREAS, the Council of Five Committee presented their recommended alternatives to the Town Council on February 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to amend Section 409 of the Charter of the Town of Centreville to address the Election of Council Members.

NOW THEREFORE,

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE, that Section 409 of the Centreville Town Charter be amended as follows:

Section 409. Election of Council Members.

**The Town shall elect five Council members. Except as provided herein to address the transition from three Council members to five Council members, the term of office shall be three years and shall be staggered as set forth herein. Every voter shall be entitled to vote for the number of offices up for election in each year.**

- (a) Beginning on the first Monday in October, 2020 and every third year thereafter, the Town shall elect two Council members.
- (b) Beginning on the first Monday in October, 2021 and every third year thereafter, the Town shall elect one Council member.
- (c) Beginning on the first Monday in October, 2022 and every third year thereafter, the Town shall elect two Council members.
- (d) In order to facilitate an orderly transition from three Council members to five Council members, an additional Council member shall be elected on the first Monday in October 2020 for a term of two years. At the election in October 2020, the candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of three years. The candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years.

**[[On the first Monday in October of each year the qualified voters of the town shall elect one person as Council member to serve a term of three years.]]** The person **or persons** elected shall replace the Council member **or members** whose terms **[[is]] are** expiring.

New material is **bold underlined**, and material to be deleted is enclosed in double bold faced brackets **[[ ]]**.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of passage of this Resolution is May 14, 2020, and the amendment of the Charter of the Town of Centreville hereby enacted shall become effective upon July 3, 2020 (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 June 23, 2020 (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 May 21, 2020, May 28, 2020, June 4, 2020 and June 11, 2020 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),

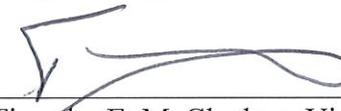
the Town Manager shall cause to be delivered to the Department of Legislative Reference all the information regarding the Charter Amendment, this Resolution and any referendum held thereon as may be required by Sections 4-109 and 4-308 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

ATTEST:

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE

  
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Carolyn M. Brinkley  
Town Clerk

  
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Jeffrey C. Morgan, President

  
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Timothy E. McCluskey, Vice President

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ABSENT  
Joshua E. Shonts, Member