

**TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE  
RESOLUTION 06-2020**

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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 UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS 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 419 of the Charter of the Town of Centreville to address uncontested elections.

NOW THEREFORE,

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE, that Section 419 of the Centreville Town Charter be amended as follows:

Section 419. Uncontested elections.

If an election is uncontested, the Town Clerk will certify to the Town Council that **[[only one]] the number of [[candidate]] candidates that [[has]] have filed is equal to the number of Council member seats up for election** 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]] not enough candidates file** for an election, the expiring Council Member **or Members** shall serve until a candidate is elected and qualified **for each**

**Council Member seat.** The election under this provision shall be conducted in accordance with Section 414(b) of this chapter. For the purposes 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 28 days prior to the scheduled election.

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.

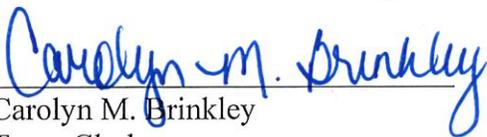
Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager shall cause a full and exact copy of the Resolution to be continuously posted on the bulletin board of the Town Hall until June 23, 2020 (the fortieth day after passage) and that the Town Manager shall further cause a fair summary of the charter 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.

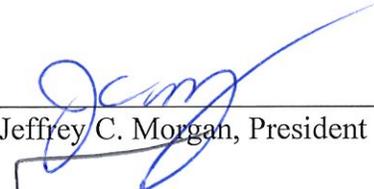
Section 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of Centreville is hereby authorized and enjoined to declare this Resolution to be effective by affixing their signatures hereto in the space provided on the effective date hereof.

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

ABSENT  
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Joshua E. Shonts, Member