

CHARTER RESOLUTION
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK,
MARYLAND, AMENDING ARTICLE III “MAYOR AND COUNCIL”, §C3-1,
“ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY” TO CHANGE THE MINIMUM AGE AT THE
TIME OF TAKING OFFICE AFTER ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT AS THE
MAYOR, OR AS A COUNCIL MEMBER, TO EIGHTEEN YEARS.

A Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 edition, as amended).

WHEREAS, §C3-1 of the City Charter currently sets the minimum age to qualify for election as Mayor at 25 years; and

WHEREAS, §C3-1 also sets the minimum age to qualify for election as a Council member at 21 years; and

WHEREAS, §C3-6, “Vacancies”, places the same requirements contained in §C3-1 upon individuals appointed or elected by reason of a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Council member; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that the appropriate minimum age for taking office by election or appointment for both offices is 18 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, that:

Section 1. Article III, “Mayor and Council,” §C3-1 “Elected Officers of the City” be repealed, re-enacted and amended to read as follows:

§C3-1. Elected Officers of the City.

The government of said City shall be vested in a Mayor and eight district Council members, two from each of the several districts of the City, and such other officers as are hereinafter designated or shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council. Each officer appointed shall

CAPS : Indicate matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] : Indicate matter deleted from law.

Asterisks * * * : Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Ordinance.

continue to hold office for such term or terms as the Mayor and Council shall determine. The Mayor shall be elected by the combined vote of the electorate of the City and the several district Council members shall be elected by the voters within their respective districts. At the time of taking office, the Mayor shall have attained the age of [~~25~~] 18 years, and each member of the Council shall have attained the age of [~~24~~] 18 years. Each elective officer must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Maryland and registered voter in the State of Maryland and have been a registered voter in the City for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election and shall continuously reside in the City during his/her term of office; each district Council member must reside in the district from which he/she is elected; and each officer shall retain throughout his/her respective term of office all the qualifications necessary for his/her election, and the failure to retain all of such qualifications shall ipso facto cause a forfeiture of office.

Section 2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Charter Resolution is adopted this _____ day of _____, 2013, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City of College Park, hereby proposed by this enactment, shall be and become effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after its passage by the City unless petitioned to referendum in accordance with Article 23A §13 of the Annotated Code of Maryland within forty (40) days following its passage. A complete and exact copy of this Charter Resolution shall be posted in the City offices located at 4500 Knox Road, College Park, Maryland for forty (40) days following its passage by the Mayor and Council and a fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals, also within the forty (40) day period following its adoption by the City.

Section 3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, within ten (10) days after the Charter Resolution hereby enacted becomes effective, either as herein provided or following referendum, the City Manager for the City of College Park shall send separately, by mail, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to the Department of Legislative Services, one copy of the following information concerning the Charter Resolution: (i) the complete text of this Resolution; (ii) the date of referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (iii) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Council of the City of College Park or in the referendum; and (iv) the effective date of the Charter Resolution.

Section 4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager of the City of College Park, Maryland, be, and hereby is specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 as evidence of compliance herewith; and said City Manager shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting (i) an appropriate Certificate of Publication of the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall have been published; and (ii) return receipts of the mailing referred to in Section 3 and shall further cause to be completed and executed the Municipal Charter or Annexation Resolution Registration Form.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the 10th day of December 2013.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____ 2014.

EFFECTIVE the _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

**THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK,
MARYLAND**

Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk

By _____
Andrew M. Fellows, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney