

AMENDED ORDINANCE
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK,
AMENDING CHAPTER 34, “ELECTIONS”, ARTICLE II, “CONDUCT OF
ELECTIONS”, §34-5, “POLLING PLACES; HOURS OF VOTING”,
TO MAKE PROVISION FOR EARLY VOTING AND TO
CHANGE THE MANNER IN WHICH POLL HOURS ARE SET

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the City of College Park (hereinafter, the “City”) has the power to provide for elections for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted Chapter 34, “Elections”, to regulate municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Supervisors of Elections have recommended certain changes to the Election code with respect to early voting, polling places and poll hours; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is appropriate to set the polling places and hours for election day by vote of the Mayor and Council upon recommendation of the Supervisors of Elections.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to adopt the foregoing recommended amendments to the City’s Election law.

Section 1. **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland that Chapter 34, “Elections”, Article II, “Conduct of Elections”, §34-5, “Polling places; hours of voting”, be and is hereby repealed, reenacted and amended to read as follows:

§ 34-5_Polling places; hours of voting, EARLY VOTING.

CAPS : Indicate matter added to existing law.
Bold § numbers : Indicate section numbers added to existing law
[Brackets] : Indicate matter deleted from law.
Asterisks * * * : Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Ordinance

Polling places AND HOURS for election day shall be designated by the Supervisors of Elections with the approval of Mayor and Council [~~and shall remain open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.~~]. The polling places and hours for one or more early voting days shall be designated by the Supervisors of Elections with the approval of Mayor and Council. A VOTER MAY VOTE AT ~~[THE]~~ A DESIGNATED POLLING PLACE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION OR AT ~~[THE]~~ A DESIGNATED CITY EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE. All qualified voters who are waiting in line to vote at the time of the official closing of the polls shall be permitted to vote.

Section 2. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that, upon formal introduction of this proposed Ordinance, which shall be by way of a motion duly seconded and without any further vote, the City Clerk shall distribute a copy to each Council member and shall maintain a reasonable number of copies in the office of the City Clerk and shall post at City Hall, to the official City website, to the City-maintained e-mail LISTSERV, and on the City cable channel, and if time permits, in any City newsletter, the proposed ordinance or a fair summary thereof together with a notice setting out the time and place for a public hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council.

The public hearing, hereby set for 7:30 P.M. on the 26th day of February, 2019, shall follow the publication by at least seven (7) days, may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special Council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time. All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard.

After the hearing, the Council may adopt the proposed ordinance with or without amendments or reject it. This Ordinance shall become effective on March 19, 2019 provided that, as soon as practicable after adoption, the City Clerk shall post a fair summary of the Ordinance and notice of its adoption at City Hall, to the official City website, to the City-maintained e-mail LISTSERV, on the City cable channel, and in any City newsletter.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the 12th day of February 2019.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the 26th day of February 2019.

EFFECTIVE the 19th day of March, 2019.

ATTEST:

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

By: Janeen S. Miller
Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk

By: Patrick L. Wojahn
Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor

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

Suellen M. Ferguson
Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney