

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2015-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Edition, as amended), to amend the Charter of the said City, said Charter being a part of the public local laws of Maryland (1963 Edition, as amended), which Article contains in whole or in part the Charter of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, whereby the Mayor and City Council lower the voting age to 16 years old for City elections.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe it is important to allow as many City residents as possible to vote in City elections; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it advisable to lower the voting age to 16 years of age.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, in regular session assembled:

Section 1: That Section C4-1 of the Charter of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, be amended as follows:

§ C4-1. Qualifications of voters. [Amended 2-24-71; 5-1-72]

Every person who is a citizen of the United States, is at least ~~eighteen (18)~~ **SIXTEEN (16)** years of age, resides in the State of Maryland, resides within the corporate limits of the City and is registered in accordance with the provisions of this Charter shall be a qualified voter of the City. Every qualified voter of the City shall be entitled to vote at any or all City elections.

Section 2: That the date of the adoption of this Resolution is **JANUARY 20, 2015**, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City of Hyattsville hereby proposed by this enactment shall be and become effective on **MARCH 11, 2015** [50 days], unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be filed by **MARCH 1, 2015** [40 days], and a fair summary of the Amendment shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times at weekly intervals by **MARCH 1, 2015** [40 days].

Section 3: That as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted becomes effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the Clerk shall send separately to the Department of Legislative Services, the following information concerning the Charter Amendment: (1) the complete text of this Resolution; (2) the date of referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (3) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville or in a referendum; and (4) the effective date of the Charter Amendment.

Section 4: That the Clerk be, and he/she is specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out the provisions of Sections 2 and 3, and as evidence of compliance herewith the said Clerk

shall cause to be affixed to the Minutes of this meeting (1) an appropriate certificate of publication of the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Amendment shall have been published; and (2) records of mailing referred to in Section 3, and shall further complete and execute a Certificate of Compliance.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on **JANUARY 5, 2015**, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on **JANUARY 20, 2015**, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

Adopted: January 20, 2015

Attest: Laura Reams
Laura Reams, City Clerk

Marc Tartaro
Marc Tartaro, Mayor

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EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 11, 2015