

**CITY OF HYATTSVILLE****RESOLUTION 2022-01 (A)**

**A resolution whereby the City Council notifies the City's Board of Elections to fill the vacancy in the office of the Mayor by a special election, declares the City's 2022 special mayoral election to be a vote-by-mail election, and approves the Board of Elections thirty day extension to conduct the election due to the absence of necessary equipment to conduct the vote-by-mail election.**

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy in the office of the Mayor and there are more than one-hundred fifty days until the next regularly scheduled election; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §C2-3(B) of the City's Charter, the Council is required to notify the Board of Supervisors of Elections that it is to proceed to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, §C2-3(B) of the City's Charter requires that the special mayoral election be conducted within seventy-five days of the date of the vacancy, which date of vacancy is January 25, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council believes the increase in voter turnout in the most recent vote-by-mail elections warrants that the special mayoral election be conducted as a vote-by-mail election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council recognizes that there is still tremendous uncertainty about the course of the COVID-19 pandemic and that there is presently a resurgence of the disease across the globe and in many states in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council is committed to ensuring the 2022 special mayoral election is accessible, secure, and safe, while minimizing, to the extent possible, the potential for exposure to COVID-19 to the voting public and City employees and election workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the §8-4 of the City Code provides that the Mayor and Council may determine by resolution that an election is a vote-by-mail election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council deem it in the best interest of its residents to conduct a vote-by-mail election pursuant to the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council received correspondence from the Board of Elections dated February 1, 2022, notifying the Council that it will not be able to conduct the election within seventy-five days due to the absence of equipment necessary to conduct the election the §C2-3(D) and, as a result, the Board is extending the time period to conduct the election an additional thirty days.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville in regular session assembled that the City Clerk shall immediately transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Elections which shall serve as notice to proceed to fill the vacancy in the office of the Mayor by special election; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville in regular session assembled that the City’s 2022 special-mayoral election will be a vote-by-mail election;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville, that it concurs with the Board of Elections’ decision to extend time within which the election must be conducted by no more than thirty days due to the absence of equipment necessary to conduct the election; and

**INTRODUCED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland at a regular meeting on February 7, 2022, 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 February 7, 2022, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

APPROVED:

February 7, 2022  
Date

City of Hyattsville, Maryland:

  
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Robert S. Croslin  
Interim Mayor

ATTEST/WITNESS:

February 7, 2022  
Date

City of Hyattsville, Maryland:

  
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Laura Reams  
City Clerk