

**RESOLUTION FOR AN AMENDMENT
TO THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND**

CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. CR-2016-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BY SUBSTITUTING THE TERM AND POSITION OF "CITY MANAGER" FOR ALL REFERENCES TO "CLERK," "CLERK-TREASURER," "TREASURER," "TOWN CLERK," "TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER," OR "TOWN CLERK, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF CAMBRIDGE" THROUGHOUT THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-39 of the City Charter, adopted by Charter Resolution No. CR-2014-01, the Commissioners of Cambridge adopted a City Manager form of governance, and among the responsibilities and duties of the City Manager was included those of Supervisor of Elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Resolution No. CR-2014-03, the position of City Clerk/Treasurer was eliminated, and pursuant to Charter Resolution No. CR-2014-01 the position of City Manager assumed the responsibilities of the City Clerk/Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XI-E, Section 4 of the Constitution of Maryland, Section 4-301 et seq. of Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and the Charter of the City of Cambridge, the Commissioners are authorized to amend the City Charter, and hereby desire to amend the City Charter to formally substitute the term and position of "City Manager" for all references to "Clerk," "Clerk-Treasurer," "Treasurer," "Town Clerk," "Town Clerk and Treasurer," or "Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Cambridge," contained in any and all sections of, and throughout, the City Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, that the following amendment to the Charter of the City of Cambridge is proposed, and upon completion of the requirements of Article XI-E, Section 4 of the Constitution of Maryland, Section 4-301 et seq. of Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and the Charter of the City of Cambridge, the Charter of the City of Cambridge shall be amended to read as follows:

Any and all references to "Clerk," "Clerk-Treasurer," "Treasurer," "Town Clerk," "Town Clerk and Treasurer," or "Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Cambridge," or any other variation of the reference to the office of Clerk, as may be contained and set forth in any and all sections of, and throughout, the City Charter are hereby deleted, and in its/their place is hereby inserted and substituted the term and position of "City Manager."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of this Charter Amendment shall be AUGUST 9, 2016.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage or adoption of this Resolution by The Commissioners of Cambridge, the City Manager shall (a) post a complete and exact copy of this Resolution, containing the proposed amendments, at the City office on the public bulletin board for a period of at least forty (40) consecutive days following its adoption; and (b) cause a fair summary of the proposed amendments, as contained herein, to be published not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals within a period of at least forty (40) days after adoption of the above Resolution, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution, having been passed by the Commissioners of the City of Cambridge on the ____ day of JUNE, 2016, shall be considered a part of the City Charter, according to the terms of the amendments, and in all respects shall become effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after being so ordained or passed, that is to say becoming effective on the 9TH day of AUGUST, 2016, unless a proper Petition for Referendum shall have been filed as provided by Section 4-304 of Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, on or before the fortieth (40th) day after passage of this Resolution.

AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners and the City Manager shall cause to be affixed to this Charter Amendment Resolution a certificate of publication of the newspaper in which such fair summary of the amendments appearing shall have been published and, if there is no timely and properly filed Petition for Referendum, the Commissioners of Cambridge shall declare the Charter Amendment herein contained to be effective on the effective date as first indicated above by properly executing this Resolution in the space provided below.

AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that if a proper Petition for Referendum is timely filed, the Commissioners of Cambridge shall comply with the requirements of Section 4-304 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and shall set a date and hours for the Referendum on this Charter Amendment Resolution.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, before the Charter Amendments hereby proposed and passed shall become effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the Commissioners of Cambridge shall promptly register the Charter Amendments with the Director of the Hall of Records by sending by registered mail, return receipt requested to the Department of Legislative Reference of Maryland, a complete certified copy of the text of this Resolution, the date of the referendum, if any is held, a certificate showing the number of Commissioners voting for and against the Charter Amendment hereby enacted or the number of votes cast in any referendum hereon, and the effective date of the Charter Amendment, and affixing the return receipt hereto.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED unto the Commissioners of Cambridge at a regular meeting of the Commissioners of Cambridge on the ____ day JUNE, in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen (2016), and approved by a majority vote on the ____ day of JUNE, in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen (2016)

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE

Sandra Tripp-Jones
City Manager

By: _____ (SEAL)
Donald Sydnor, Council President
Acting Mayor

NOTE: Word(s) being underscored in bold type are the proposed new word(s) to be added to the City Charter. Words or provisions enclosed in boldface brackets are to be repealed from the City Charter.

CERTIFICATIONS

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. **CR-2016-01** HAVING BEEN PASSED by a majority yea vote of THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, on the _____ day of **JUNE, 2016** as follows:

Commissioners casting a yea vote for the Resolution:

Commissioners casting a nay vote for the Resolution:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Charter Amendment Resolution No. **CR-2016-01** was passed by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of Cambridge, by a vote of _____ () in favor of the Resolution on the _____ day of **JUNE, 2016**.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE

Sandra Tripp-Jones
City Manager

By: _____ (SEAL)
Donald Sydnor, Council President
Acting Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY that an exact copy of the foregoing Charter Amendment Resolution No. **CR-2016-01** was posted on the bulletin board in the Town Office on the _____ day of **JUNE**, 2016, at **2:00** p.m. and was there continuously posted for at least forty (40) consecutive days, said posting having terminated on the **9TH** day of **August**, 2016 at **2:00 p.m.**

WITNESS:

Sandra Tripp-Jones, City Manager (SEAL)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a summary of the proposed Charter Amendment Resolution No. **CR-2016-01** was published in the Banner, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Cambridge not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals within a period of forty (40) days after the adoption of the above Resolution, as evidenced by the attached Certificate of Publication issued by the newspaper. Said dates of publication were as follows: _____

WITNESS:

Sandra Tripp-Jones, City Manager (SEAL)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the 2016 Charter Amendment enacted by the foregoing Charter Amendment Resolution No. **CR-2016-01** became effective on the 9TH day of August, 2016, without a Petition for Referendum and Referendum Vote having been held thereon.

ATTEST: **THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE**

Sandra Tripp-Jones
City Manager

By: _____ (SEAL)
Donald Sydnor, Council President
Acting Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the 2016 Charter Amendment enacted by the foregoing Charter Amendment Resolution No. **CR-2016-01**, was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department of Legislative Reference of Maryland in accordance with Sections 4-109 and 4-308 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland on the ____ day of August, 2016, as evidenced by the attached receipt from the U.S. Postal Service.

WITNESS:

Sandra Tripp-Jones, City Manager (SEAL)