

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

**CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. CR-2016-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BY AMENDING SECTION 3-6 ENTITLED "SAME; ELECTION" TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE IN THE DATE OF ELECTIONS OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER, BEGINNING IN 2020, SO AS TO COINCIDE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS."**

**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 Section 3-6 of the City Charter to provide for a change in the date of election of Commissioners to coincide with the date of the Presidential elections.

**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, Section 3-6 of the Charter of the City of Cambridge shall be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 3-6. [~~Same~~] Commissioners; election.**

The Commissioners of Cambridge shall be elected in a city wide election to be held on the [~~second~~] the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday of [~~July, 1972~~] November, 2020, at which time and at all subsequent elections to be held on said Tuesday of November every fourth year so as to coincide with the Presidential elections, all five commissioners will be voted on simultaneously by ward, provided, however, that the commissioners elected to office in July, 2016 shall serve until January, 2021 or [~~holding office on September 16, 1969, shall fill out the full term for which they were elected; and in addition, the commissioner from the 3rd Ward and the commissioner from the 2nd Ward elected in 1969 shall serve until the regular election in 1972 and~~] until their successors take office.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the effective date of this Charter Amendment shall be AUGUST, 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 (50<sup>th</sup>) day after being so ordained or passed, that is to say becoming effective on the \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (40<sup>th</sup>) 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-2016-04** 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-2016-04** 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-2016-04** 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 \_\_\_\_ 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-2016-04** 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-2016-04** became effective on the \_\_\_\_ 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-2016-04**, 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:

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Sandra Tripp-Jones, City Manager (SEAL)