

**CHARTER AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-003**

Resolution of the Town of Chesapeake City for the purpose of amending the Town Charter to provide for the cancellation of an election for any seats which are uncontested.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes Mayor and Council from time to time, to amend, supplement or change, by resolution, its charter;

WHEREAS, given the cost of conducting an election and the time commitment required of town staff and volunteers, it is in the best interest of the Town to amend its Charter so that an election will not be required if the number of duly qualified candidates for an office is equal to or less than the number of vacancies; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing having been held upon at least 21 days' advance notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY resolved this _____ day of _____ 2024, by the Mayor and Council, a new Section 26-31(f) of the Charter of the Town of Chesapeake City shall be amended to read as set forth below. It is further resolved that a fair summary of the Resolution shall be published four (4) times at weekly intervals in a newspaper of general circulation within a period of forty (40) days following the adoption of this resolution. It is further resolved that a copy of the Resolution shall be posted at the Town Hall for a period of forty (40) days following the adoption of this resolution and made available for public inspection.

Section 26-31 Schedule of Elections

- (f) Cancellation of Elections: If, on the day immediately following the deadline for filing certificates of candidacy in accordance with Section 26-30 of this Charter, the number of duly qualified candidates for the office is equal to or less than the number of vacancies for such office, then no election shall be held for such office on the first**

Monday in June, and all such candidates shall assume the office on the Second Monday of July following the election.”

*Wording in brackets is to be stricken, and wording in bold is to be added.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR
AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
CHESAPEAKE CITY, MARYLAND

Tonya Lockwood, Clerk

Richard L Taylor, III, Mayor

Lee Adams, Councilmember

Hunter Dann, Councilmember

Sarah Ford-Ferrara, Councilmember

Ed O’Hara, Councilmember

Frank Vari, Councilmember

Approved as to Form:

Thomas N. Yeager,
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