

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN**  
**Charter Amendment Resolution No. 19-CR-01**

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**Date Introduced:** February 11, 2019

**Sponsored by:** Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck and Councilman Timothy Lindecamp

**Public Hearing:** February 25, 2019

**Amendments Adopted:** None

**Date Adopted:** March 11, 2019

**Date Effective:** April 30, 2019

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1 **A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION** concerning

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3 **Candidate Filing Period**

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5 **FOR** the purpose of altering the period of time within which individuals may file certificates  
6 of candidacy for election to the offices of Mayor and Council member; and generally  
7 relating to changes to election laws in the City of Aberdeen.

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9 **BY** repealing and re-enacting, with amendments  
10 § VII. Elections and Board of Elections  
11 Section VII.8  
12 Charter of the City of Aberdeen (as published by General Code Corporation)

**EXPLANATION:**

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW  
((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates amendments to Resolution.  
~~Strike-Out~~ indicates matter stricken from Resolution by amendment or  
deleted from the Charter by amendment.  
\* \* \* indicates existing unmodified text omitted from Resolution

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
14 **ABERDEEN** that Section VII.8 be of the Charter of the City of Aberdeen (as published by  
15 General Code Corporation), § VII, Elections and Board of Elections, is repealed and re-enacted,  
16 with amendments, to read as follows:  
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1    **§ VII. Elections and Board of Elections.**

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3    **8.** Any candidate for the office of Council member or Mayor must file ((at least 35 days prior to  
4    and no earlier than 65 days prior to the date of the election)) a certificate of candidacy on a  
5    form provided by the Board. THE PERIOD TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY  
6    COMMENCES THE DAY AFTER LABOR DAY AND ENDS NINE BUSINESS DAYS  
7    LATER. THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FORM MUST CONTAIN ((containing))  
8    the following:

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- 10    **a.** The applicant's mailing address and the address of the applicant's domicile.
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  - 12    **b.** The applicant's date of birth.
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  - 14    **c.** The dates and places of residence within the corporate limits of the City of Aberdeen by  
15    the applicant.
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  - 17    **d.** The certificate of candidacy shall be signed by the candidate under penalties of perjury  
18    and shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable filing fee of \$25 payable to City of  
19    Aberdeen.
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  - 21    **e.** A candidate who has filed may withdraw his or her certificate of candidacy after filing by  
22    delivering to the Aberdeen Board of Elections, at least 30 days prior to the date of the  
23    election, written notification of withdrawal signed by the candidate.
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  - 25    **f.** Each candidate shall complete the financial disclosure form as required by Chapter 43 of  
26    the Aberdeen City Code. This financial disclosure form shall be considered a part of the  
27    certificate of candidacy and no candidate may be considered eligible for placement on the  
28    ballot until this disclosure form is timely and satisfactorily completed and approved by  
29    the Ethics Commission.

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31            **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**  
32 **CITY OF ABERDEEN** that the date of adoption of this Resolution is March 11, 2019, and the  
33 amendment of the Charter of the City of Aberdeen hereby enacted shall become effective on  
34 April 30, 2019, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law,  
35 provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the  
36 bulletin board in Aberdeen City Hall until April 20, 2019, and provided further that a copy of the  
37 title of this Resolution shall be published in The Record, a newspaper of general circulation in  
38 the City of Aberdeen, or in any other newspaper of such general circulation, once in each of the  
39 weeks beginning March 15, March 22, March 29, and April 5, 2019.

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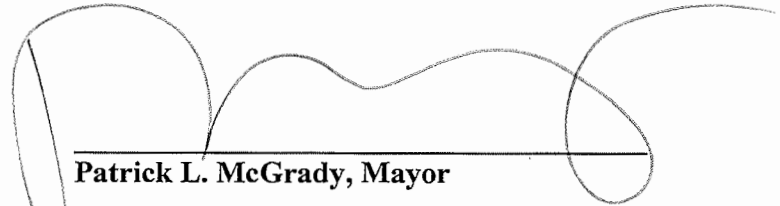
41            **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**  
42 **CITY OF ABERDEEN** that the City Clerk is hereby specifically commanded to carry out the  
43 provisions of Section 2, hereof, and, as evidence of such compliance, the City Clerk shall cause  
44 to be maintained appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper or newspapers in which  
45 the title of the Resolution shall have been published. If a favorable referendum is held on the

1 Charter change, the Mayor shall proclaim the Charter change hereby enacted to have been  
2 approved by the voters and the charter amendment shall become effective on the date provided  
3 by law.

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5 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**  
6 **CITY OF ABERDEEN** that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become  
7 effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the City Clerk shall send by mail  
8 to the Department of Legislative Services of Maryland, a clear certified copy of this Resolution  
9 showing the number of Councilpersons voting for and against it and a report on the votes cast for  
10 or against the amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of such  
11 referendum.

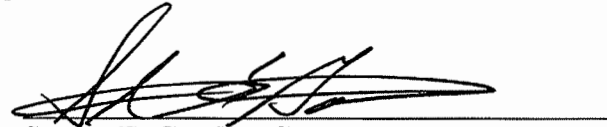
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13 The above Charter Amendment was enacted by the foregoing Resolution which was  
14 passed at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Aberdeen on March 11, 2019, 5  
15 members of the Council voting in the affirmative, 0 members of the Council voting in the  
16 negative, 0 members of the Council abstaining, and 0 members of the Council absent, and  
17 the said Resolution becomes effective accordance with the law on the thirtieth day of April,  
18 2019.

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN**



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Patrick L. McGrady, Mayor



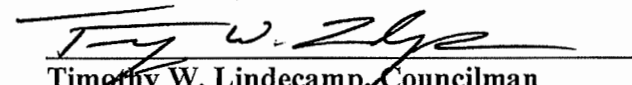
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Steven E. Goodin, Councilman



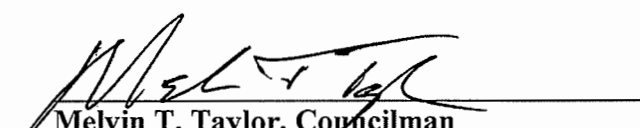
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Sandra J. Landbeck, Councilwoman



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Timothy W. Lindecamp, Councilman



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Melvin T. Taylor, Councilman

ATTEST:

SEAL:



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Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date March 11, 2019