

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND BY DELETING THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE DESCRIBED IN SECTION § SC7-35 OF ARTICLE VII.**

WHEREAS, Section SC7-35 of the Salisbury City Charter establishes a maximum property rate of \$.76 per \$100 valuation for all general purposes other than for servicing bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Salisbury has determined it is in the best interest of the citizens of Salisbury that the maximum tax rate be eliminated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Salisbury City Council, by virtue of the authority granted in Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland, Local Government Article § 4-301 et seq. of the Annotated Code of Maryland and § SC21-1 and § SC21-2 of the Salisbury City Code, that § SC7-35 of the Salisbury City Charter is amended as follows:

§ SC7-35. - Taxable property.

All real and tangible personal property within the limits of the City of Salisbury, or which may have a situs there by reason of the residence of the owner therein, shall be subject to taxation for municipal purposes, and the assessment for said purpose shall be the same as that for state and county purposes. **[[The Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall not tax property for all general purposes other than servicing bonds at a rate greater than seventy-six cents (\$0.76) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.) of assessed valuation.]]**

**EXPLANATION:**

\* *ITALICIZED AND UNDERLINED PRINT INDICATES MATERIAL ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.*

Deleted material from the existing Charter is indicated by bold double bracketed **[[ ]]** language.

**AND IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code, Local Government Article, Subsection 4-304, the Mayor and/or the City Clerk, who are authorized to act as outlined below, shall:

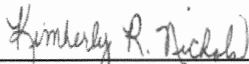
- a. Post a complete and exact copy of this Charter Amendment at the City Government Building, for at least forty (40) days after the passage of this Resolution; and
- b. Advertise a fair summary of this Resolution, which is deemed by the City Council to be the title of this Resolution, once per week for four (4) weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Salisbury beginning immediately after the passage of this Resolution.

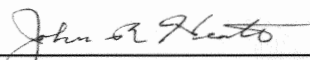
**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Salisbury City Council that the title of this Resolution shall be deemed a fair summary of the amendments provided for herein for publication and all other purposes;

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Salisbury City Council that this Resolution shall take effect fifty (50) days from and after the date of its final passage and that its provisions shall be implemented on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, subject to the right of referendum. The City Clerk, on behalf of the Mayor, is hereby directed to proceed with the posting and publication of this Resolution, and the sending of information concerning the charter amendments provided for herein to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services pursuant to the requirements of the Maryland Annotated Code, Local Government Article, Subsection 4-304.

This Resolution was introduced, read and passed at a meeting of the Salisbury City Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly R. Nichols,  
City Clerk

  
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John R. Heath, President  
Council of the City of Salisbury

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