

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2021-CR-01

Introduced By: CM Aaron Faulx
Date Introduced: January 4, 2021
Date Adopted: February 22, 2021
Date Effective: April 13, 2021

A RESOLUTION concerning

CHARTER AMENDMENT – ABSENTEE VOTING

FOR the purpose of amending the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park to remove from the Charter certain obsolete references to provisions of State law relating to absentee voting; to provide for the Town Council to establish procedures for absentee voting in municipal elections; and generally to relate to absentee voting in municipal elections in the Town of Riverdale Park.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments
Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park (January 2008 Revision)
ARTICLE V, Nominations and Elections
§ 509

Key:

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.
~~Strike through~~ indicates existing matter deleted from Charter

SECTION 1: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK that § 509 of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park (January 2008 Revision), ARTICLE V, Nominations and Elections, is repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

ARTICLE V
Nominations and Elections

§ 509: Absentee Ballots

The council by ordinance shall arrange for voting by absentee ballot ~~in accordance with § 27 of the Election Code, Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland,~~ and shall notify the voters of this intention.

SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments to the Charter adopted by this Resolution shall become effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after passage of this Resolution, unless a proper petition for referendum meeting the requirements of § 4-304 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall be presented or mailed to the Council in accordance with such § 4-304 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland on or before the fortieth (40th) day after passage of this Resolution. A complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be posted at the Town Hall of Town of Riverdale Park (the "Town") or other main municipal building or public place for a period of at least forty (40) days following its adoption, and the title to this Resolution, being a fair summary of the amendments to the Charter adopted hereby, shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals, within a period of forty (40) days starting immediately after the date of adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 3: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager shall send or cause to be sent to the Department of Legislative Services of the State of Maryland in accordance with the provisions of §§ 4-308 and 4-109 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the following documents or information concerning the Charter amendments: (1) the complete text of this Resolution; (2) the date of the referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (3) the number of votes cast for or against this Resolution by the Council or in a referendum; and (4) the effective date of the Charter amendments.

SECTION 4: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager is hereby authorized and directed to carry out or cause to be carried out the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 hereof; and as evidence of compliance herewith, the Town Manager shall cause to be maintained in the records of the Town an appropriate certificate of publication in the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Charter amendments shall have been published or other evidence of publication; provided that, the failure to so maintain the same shall not invalidate the effectiveness of the Charter amendments provided for in this Resolution.

The above amendments to the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park were adopted by the foregoing Resolution which was passed at a Special Legislative meeting of the Town Council on February 22, 2021, 4 members of the Town Council voting in the affirmative, 0 members of the Town Council voting in the negative, 0 members of the Town Council abstaining and 3 members of the Town Council absent, and the said Resolution becomes effective on the 13th day of April, 2021 if a petition for referendum has not been filed in the time prescribed by law.


ADOPTED this 22nd day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:



Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERDALE PARK



Alan K. Thompson, Mayor