

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Charter Amendment Resolution No. 25-CR-01

Date Introduced: January 27, 2025

Sponsored by: Council President Adam Hiob and Councilwoman Tandra Ridgley

Public Hearing: February 24, 2025

Amendments Adopted: None

Date Adopted: March 10, 2025

Date Effective: April 29, 2025

1 **A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION** concerning

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3 **Revisions to City Council's Powers**

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5 **FOR** the purpose of altering certain provisions of the Aberdeen City Charter to revise certain
6 powers and authority of the City Council; and generally related to revisions to the
7 City's structure of government.

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9 **BY** repealing and reenacting, with amendments
10 §V. The City Council
11 Sections V.10.a, V.14., V.17., V.18., and V.19.
12 Charter of the City of Aberdeen (as published by General Code Corporation)
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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

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15 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
16 **ABERDEEN** that §V., The City Council, Sections V.10.a, V.14., V.17., V.18., and V.19., Charter
17 of the City of Aberdeen (as published by General Code Corporation), are repealed and reenacted,
18 with amendments, to read as follows:

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20 **§V The City Council.**

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22 10.

- 23 a. Except as set forth in Subparagraph b below, no ordinance shall be passed at the meeting
24 at which it is introduced. At any regular or special meeting of the Council held not less

than six nor more than ((60)) 90 days after the meeting at which an ordinance was introduced, it shall be passed, or passed as amended, or rejected, or its consideration deferred. Any such ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of 20 calendar days following adoption.

14. In addition to the general powers set forth hereinabove, the Council shall have the following specific ordinance-making powers:

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pp. ((To)) EXCEPT WHERE AN ORDINANCE IS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, TO make agreements BY RESOLUTION with other municipalities, counties, districts, bureaus, commissions, and governmental authorities for the joint performance of or cooperation in the performance of any governmental functions.

17. THE COUNCIL SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ACT BY RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS OPINIONS, SENTIMENTS, MATTERS OF FACT, OR DECISIONS ON ISSUES WITHIN ITS OWN AUTHORITY AND TO DISPOSE OF OTHER NON-LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. THIS MAY INCLUDE INTERNAL HOUSEKEEPING, AGREEMENTS, COMMEMORATING EVENTS, HONORING INDIVIDUALS, OR STATING THE POSITION OF THE COUNCIL ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE.

- ((17.)) 18.

- a. Except as provided in Subsection b. of this section, in the case of a vacancy in the office of Council member, that office shall be filled by the Mayor with the advice and affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Council. The results of any such vote for vacancy in the office of City Council shall be recorded in the minutes or journal of the Council.

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- ((18.)) 19. Under the authority conferred by Article 23A, § 2B(a)(3), of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the City of Aberdeen, effective August 1, 2013, generally exempts itself from the provisions of all laws of Harford County enacted before, on or after that date and dealing with matters in which the City is lawfully empowered by state law or its own Charter to act. The only laws of Harford County which will apply within the City of Aberdeen on and after August 1, 2013, are those defined by Maryland law to apply and those which have been expressly adopted by reference by the City. This exemption shall not prevent the City of Aberdeen from reaching mutual agreement with Harford County for the enforcement of specific laws of the county or City by county officials or their agents.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN that the date of adoption of this Resolution is March 10, 2025, and the amendment of the Charter of the City of Aberdeen hereby enacted shall become effective on April 29, 2025, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law, provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the bulletin board in Aberdeen City Hall until April 19, 2025, and provided further that a copy of the title of

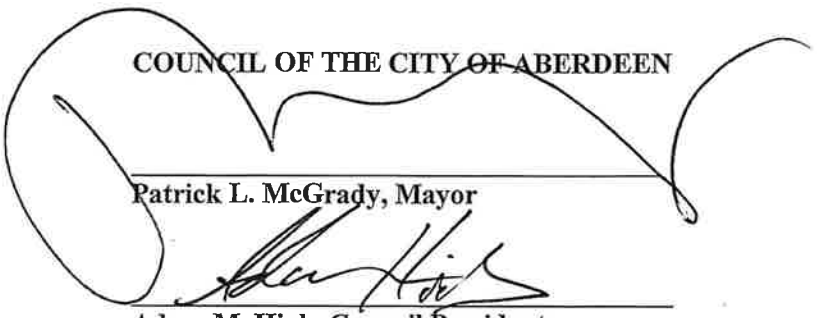
1 this Resolution shall be published in The Aegis, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of
2 Aberdeen, or in any other newspaper of such general circulation, once in each of the weeks
3 beginning March 14, March 21, March 28, and April 4, 2025.
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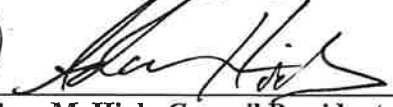
5 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**
6 **CITY OF ABERDEEN** that the City Clerk is hereby specifically commanded to carry out the
7 provisions of Section 2, hereof, and, as evidence of such compliance, the City Clerk shall cause to
8 be maintained appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper or newspapers in which the
9 title of the Resolution shall have been published. If a favorable referendum is held on the Charter
10 change, the Mayor shall proclaim the Charter change hereby enacted to have been approved by the
11 voters and the charter amendment shall become effective on the date provided by law.
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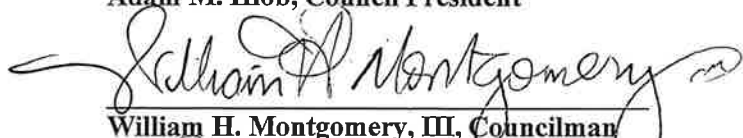
13 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**
14 **CITY OF ABERDEEN** that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become
15 effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the City Clerk shall send by mail
16 to the Department of Legislative Services of Maryland, a clear certified copy of this Resolution
17 showing the number of Councilpersons voting for and against it and a report on the votes cast for
18 or against the amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of such
19 referendum.
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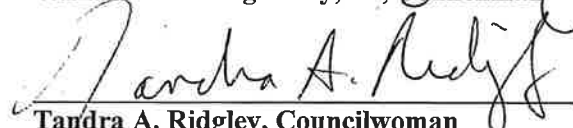
21 The above Charter Amendment was enacted by the foregoing Resolution which was passed
22 at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Aberdeen on March 10, 2025, four (4) members
23 of the Council voting in the affirmative, zero (0) members of the Council voting in the negative,
24 zero (0) members of the Council abstaining, and zero (0) members of the Council absent, and the
25 said Resolution becomes effective accordance with the law on the 29th day of April, 2025.

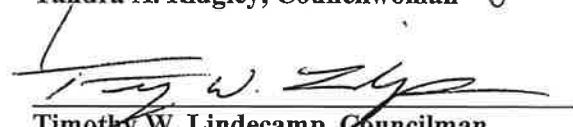
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN


Patrick L. McGrady, Mayor


Adam M. Hiob, Council President

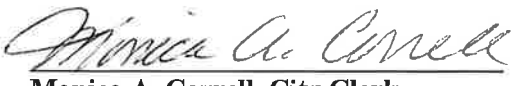

William H. Montgomery, III, Councilman


Tandra A. Ridgley, Councilwoman


Timothy W. Lindecamp, Councilman

ATTEST:

SEAL:


Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date March 10, 2025