

## **Resolution 25-23**

City Council of New Carrollton, Maryland

Amending The Charter of the City of New Carrollton,

§C-8 "Council Meetings" To Address Council

Meetings on Holidays

Effective: July 08, 2025

## **CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 25-23**

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW CARROLLTON, MARYLAND AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON, § C-8 "COUNCIL MEETINGS" TO ADDRESS WHEN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING REQUIRED BY THE CHARTER FALLS ON A HOLIDAY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article XI-E, § 4 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland and Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't Art., §4-301 et seq., the City Council has the authority to amend the City's Charter, in accordance with the procedures set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Carrollton have held multiple retreats and public meetings to review the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Carrollton has determined there is a need to address when a regularly scheduled Council Meeting required by the Charter should be held when it falls on a holiday; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Carrollton deems it to be necessary and appropriate for good government and for the good of the City of New Carrollton to amend the City Charter to formalize when such regular meeting shall be held.

Section 1: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of New Carrollton, Maryland that the Charter of the City of New Carrollton, § C-8 "Council meetings", be and hereby is repealed, re-enacted and amended to read as follows:

§ C-7. Council meetings.

The Council shall meet in City Hall or some other place of convenience in the City on the third Wednesday of each month, which meeting shall be referred to herein as the "regular meeting of the Council", and at such other times as may be required to conduct the business of the City. IN THE EVENT THE THIRD WEDNESDAY FALLS ON A HOLIDAY, IT SHALL BE HELD ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY, OR A DATE SELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL IN A PUBLIC MEETING. Three Councilmembers present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Council shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this Charter for its own government while in session.

Section 2: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Charter Amendment Resolution is adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, and that the amendments to the Charter of the City of New Carrollton, hereby proposed by this enactment, shall be and become effective fifty (50) days after its passage by the City unless petitioned to referendum in accordance with the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland within 40 days following its passage. A fair summary of this Resolution shall be posted in the City Hall for forty (40) days following its adoption and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City no fewer than four (4) times at weekly intervals within the forty (40) days following its passage by the City.

Section 3: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as soon as the Charter Amendment Resolution hereby enacted becomes effective, either as herein provided or following referendum, the City Administrative Officer shall send to the Department of Legislative Services, the following information concerning the Charter Amendment Resolution: (i) the complete text of this Resolution; (ii) the date of referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (iii) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Council of the City of New Carrollton or in a referendum; and (iv) the effective date of the Charter Amendment.

Section 4: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrative Officer of the City of New Carrollton, Maryland be, and hereby is specifically instructed to carry out the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 as evidence of compliance herewith; and the City Administrative Officer shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting an appropriate Certificate of Publication of the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Charter Amendment shall have been published, and shall further cause to be completed and executed the Certificate of Effect.

Section 5: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Charter Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Charter Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Resolution and of the Charter are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 6: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any provision of the Charter inconsistent with the amended provisions is hereby repealed.

**INTRODUCED** by the City Council of New Carrollton at a Regular Meeting of the City Council on the  $2^{ND}$  day of April, 2025.

**ADOPTED AND ENACTED** by the Council of the City of New Carrollton, Maryland at a Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON

Kaitlyn Schisler City Clerk Briana Urbina, Chair City Council

Date: 5/19/2025

Approved for legal sufficiency:

Approved:

Jason Deloach Esq.

Katrina R Dodro, Mayor

Date: 5/19/2025

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Asterisks \* \* \* : Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in

Resolution. CAPS :Indicate matter added in amendment

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