

MUNICIPAL CHARTER OR ANNEXATION RESOLUTION REPOSITION FORM

Section 4-109 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires municipal officials to deposit certain municipal documents with the Department of Legislative Services. Please use this registration form for each resolution that alters the charter or the boundaries of your municipal corporation. Complete a separate form for each resolution, and mail the entire text of the resolution, along with this form to:

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Municipal Resolution Reposition
Department of Legislative Services
90 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Commissioners of Ridgely
Municipal Corporation

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County(ies)

Patrick Thomas, Town Attorney
Name and Title of Official Submitting this Resolution

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March 25, 2026
Date of Submitting this Resolution*

2026-01
Resolution Number

February 2, 2026
Date Enacted by Legislative Body

March 24, 2026
Effective Date**

1) *For an annexation resolution*, state the charter section (e.g., boundary description section, appendix) that is amended _____ OR state the charter section (e.g., general powers section) pursuant to which the property is annexed _____. *(Enclose a copy of the metes and bounds description of the complete boundaries of your municipal corporation that includes the newly annexed property, including the number of acres and the point of beginning coordinates for the newly annexed property.)*

For a charter resolution, state whether the entire charter is repealed and a new charter is adopted _____ OR state the specific section(s) that is added, repealed, renumbered, or repealed and reenacted with amendments Section 26.

2) Number of votes cast by the legislative body for 3 and against 0 this resolution.

3) Will this resolution be petitioned to referendum? No

If "yes", date of the referendum election (if known) _____.

** A resolution should be submitted to the Department of Legislative Services 10 days after the effective date of the resolution (§ 4-109(b) of the Local Government Article). Generally, provided that a resolution is not petitioned to referendum, the effective date for a charter resolution is 50 days after enactment (§ 4-304(c) of the Local Government Article), and for an annexation resolution is no earlier than 45 days after enactment (§ 4-407 of the Local Government Article).*

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COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-01

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF RIDGELY TO REPEAL OUTDATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A HEALTH OFFICER, TOWN ENGINEER, AND STREET COMMISSIONER AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE TOWN ATTORNEY SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE BAR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWN OF RIDGELY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XI-E, § 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, the Commissioners of Ridgely (the “Commissioners”), as the legislative body of the Town of Ridgely (the “Town”), are authorized and empowered to amend the Town’s Charter (the “Charter”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XI-E, § 4 of the Constitution of Maryland, an amendment to the Charter shall be proposed either by a resolution of the Commissioners or by a petition containing the signatures of at least twenty (20) percent of the registered voters of the Town and filed with the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov’t §§ 4-302(1) and 4-304, the Commissioners may initiate a proposed amendment or amendments to the Charter by a resolution which, except as otherwise specified in the subtitle, is ordained in the usual course of considering resolutions in the Town government, by a majority of the Commissioners, and the same shall be subject to the right of referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of amending the Charter for the purpose of repealing outdated provisions pertaining to the appointment of a health officer, Town engineer, and street commissioner, as Charter assigns no duties to the Town health officer and the duties associated with the Town engineer and street commissioner are currently being performed by the Town’s Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are also desirous of amending the Charter for the purpose of providing that the Town Attorney shall be a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners, to provide for the reasonable and appropriate representation of the citizens of the Town and to provide for the better management and governance of the Town and its affairs, deem it necessary and appropriate for the good government and citizens of the Town to amend certain provisions of the Charter as set forth herein.

SECTION ONE. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Ridgely that Section 26 of the Charter of the Town of Ridgely be and it is amended as follows:

Section 26 Officers and employees.

The Commissioners of Ridgely may appoint one person ((who must be a regular physician in good standing as a health officer; one person)) as a building inspector((; one person as a town engineer; one person as a street commissioner)) and one person who shall be a member of the Bar of the ((Circuit Court for Caroline County)) Supreme Court of Maryland as town attorney, and the duties, compensation and terms of all which officials so appointed hereunder shall be such as are ((prescribed)) required by law and by ((ordinance or resolution of)) the Commissioners of Ridgely, and the Commissioners of Ridgely may also ((by ordinance)) provide for the appointments of such other officers or employees of said town as it may be deemed necessary for the interest of said town from time to time and to prescribe the terms, compensation and duties of such other additional officers and employees.

SECTION TWO. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Ridgely that, in this Resolution, unless a section of the Charter is expressly repealed in its entirety and reenacted, new or added language is in bold, underlined font and deleted text is enclosed in double parentheses.

SECTION THREE. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Ridgely that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution, it being the intent of the Commissioners that this Resolution shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

SECTION FOUR. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Ridgely that to the extent that any section of the Charter is in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, such section or sections be and hereby are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION FIVE. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Ridgely that the date of adoption of this Resolution is February 2, 2026, and the Charter amendment enacted by this Resolution shall become effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after adoption, or on March 24 2026, unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be filed on or before the forty-second (42nd) day after adoption, or on March 16, 2026, the fortieth (40th) day thereafter being a Saturday, as provided by law. A complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be posted at the Town Office, 2 Central Avenue, Ridgely, Maryland 21660, or another main municipal building or public place, for a period of at least forty-two (42) days following its adoption, or until March 16, 2026, and the title to this Resolution, being a fair summary of the Charter amendment enacted hereby, shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the

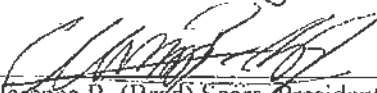
City not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals within a period of at least forty (40) days, starting immediately after the date of its adoption, or between February 2, 2026, and March 14, 2026.

SECTION SIX. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Ridgely that as soon as the Charter amendment enacted by this Resolution shall become effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the Clerk-Treasurer or her designee shall send by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to the Department of Legislative Services of the State of Maryland, the following documents or information concerning the Charter amendment: (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 Commissioners or in a referendum; and (4) the effective date of the Charter amendment.

SECTION SEVEN. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Ridgely that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to carry out the provisions of the foregoing Recitals; and as evidence of compliance herewith, the Clerk-Treasurer or her designee shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of the Commissioners for the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted: (1) a certificate to the effect that this Resolution was duly and properly posted as provided herein; (2) an appropriate certificate of publication in the newspaper in which the fair summary of this Charter Amendment Resolution shall have been published as provided herein; and (3) the return receipt of the mailing as provided herein.

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This Charter Amendment Resolution was introduced at a public meeting of the Commissioners of Ridgely, held on the 5th day of January, 2026, and having been reviewed and considered for final action, was duly adopted on the 2nd day of February, 2026.


Clarence B. (Brad) Sears, President

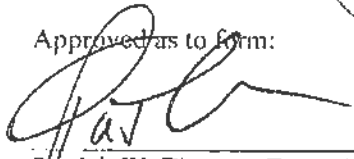

John Hurley, Commissioner


Chad Reister, Commissioner

Attest:


Stephanie Bokkey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:


Patrick W. Thomas, Town Attorney