

To provide that all officials take office at the last regular meeting in June and to change the term limits for Mayor from three consecutive two-year terms to four consecutive two-year terms

Sponsored by: Councilmember Carey

AMENDED CHARTER RESOLUTION 11-CR-02

Charter Resolution of the Town of University Park, Maryland, pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, to amend the Charter of the Town of University Park, by repealing and re-enacting Article III, "Mayor and Common Council", Section 301, "Number, Term of Office", AND Section 304 "Meetings of Mayor and Council", and ~~Article V "Registration, Nomination and Elections", Section 504 "Elections"~~ of said Charter to ~~remove term limits for the offices of Mayor and Council, and to change the terms of office so that Mayor and Council are all elected in the same year with two year terms~~ PROVIDE THAT ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS TAKE OFFICE AT THE LAST REGULAR MEETING IN JUNE AND TO CHANGE THE TERM LIMITS FOR THE MAYOR FROM THREE CONSECUTIVE TWO-YEAR TERMS TO FOUR CONSECUTIVE TWO-YEAR TERMS.

Section 1: Be it resolved and ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of University Park that Article III, "Mayor and Common Council", Section 301, "Number, Term of Office" of the Charter of the Town of University Park be repealed and re-enacted as follows:

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law

Asterisks indicate provisions of existing law which have been omitted from resolution and remain

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED BY AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted by amendment to the proposed resolution

1 Section 301. Number, Term of Office

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3 (a) The Common Council shall consist of seven members and a Mayor who shall be
4 elected as set forth in Article V. The Mayor and Council members shall each hold office for a term
5 of two years, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SET OUT HEREIN. The term of elected officers
6 ELECTED PRIOR TO MAY, 2010 shall begin at the close of the regular meeting in May and shall
7 end at the close of the regular meeting in May of the final year of the term of office of such person,
8 or until a successor takes office, whichever is later. THE TERM OF OFFICERS ELECTED IN
9 MAY, 201~~2~~⁰ ~~[ONLY]~~ SHALL BEGIN AT THE CLOSE OF THE LAST REGULAR
10 MEETING IN MAY, 201~~2~~⁰ AND SHALL END AT THE CLOSE OF THE LAST REGULAR
11 MEETING IN ~~MAY~~ JUNE, 201~~3~~². THE TERM OF OFFICERS ELECTED IN MAY, 201~~3~~¹,
12 SHALL BEGIN AT THE CLOSE OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING IN MAY, 2011 AND
13 SHALL END [ON JUNE 30, 2015] AT THE CLOSE OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING IN
14 JUNE, 2013. ALL OFFICERS ELECTED AFTER MAY, 201~~3~~¹ SHALL TAKE OFFICE ~~[ON~~
15 ~~JULY 1 AND THEIR TERM SHALL END JUNE 30]~~ AT THE CLOSE OF THE LAST
16 REGULAR MEETING IN JUNE AND THEIR TERM SHALL END AT THE CLOSE OF THE
17 LAST REGULAR MEETING IN JUNE OF THE FINAL YEAR OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF
18 SUCH PERSON, OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE, WHICHEVER IS LATER.
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20 (b) Commencing with the regular election to be held in May, 1981, no person shall
21 serve in the same elected position for more than three (3) consecutive two-year terms; however,
22 this provision shall not apply to persons holding office on the date this provision is effective.
23 COMMENCING WITH THE REGULAR ELECTION IN MAY, 2012, THE MAYOR MAY
24 NOT SERVE IN THE SAME ELECTED POSITION FOR MORE THAN FOUR (4)
25 CONSECUTIVE TWO-YEAR TERMS.
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27 Section 2: Be it further resolved and ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of
28 University Park that Article III, "Mayor and Common Council", Section 304, "Meetings" of the
29 Charter of the Town of University Park be repealed and re-enacted as follows:

30 Section 304. Meetings of Mayor and Council

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32 (a) Regular Meetings. The Mayor and Common Council shall meet in a convenient
33 place in the Town on or before the last Monday in ~~[May]~~ JUNE of each year, and as often
34 thereafter as may be necessary to discharge their duties, provided, however, that they shall not
35 meet less than once in every month. Special meetings may be called by the Mayor with the consent
36 of a majority of the Council. The Mayor shall also call a special meeting at the request of a
37 majority of the members of the Council. In the absence of the Mayor, a majority of the members of
38 the Common Council, may call a special meeting for a specific purpose. No matters other than
39 those for which the meeting is called may be considered. Upon convening such meeting the
40 Council may elect a chairperson to preside at the special meeting. Except as otherwise provided in
41 subsection (b) of this section, meetings of the Mayor and Common Council shall be open to the
42 public and residents of the Town shall have reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting in

1 regard to any municipal question.

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5 Section 3: Be it further resolved that this resolution shall become effective fifty days after
6 enactment by the Mayor and Common Council of University Park, Maryland, unless petitioned to
7 referendum in a manner prescribed by law.

8 Section 4: Be it further resolved that a complete and exact copy of this proposed Charter
9 amendment shall be posted on the entrance door of the Town Hall of University Park, 6724
10 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, Maryland, for a period of not less than forty (40) days, and a
11 fair summary of this Charter amendment shall be published at least four times on four successive
12 weeks within that forty day period in a newspaper having general circulation in the community.

13 APPROVED this 9th day of January, 2012.

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15 ATTEST:

16 MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
17 TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

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20 Tracey J. Toscano
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22 By: John Rogard Tabori
23 John Rogard Tabori, Mayor

24 TRACEY J. TOSCANO
25 Notary Public-Maryland
26 Prince George's County
27 My Commission Expires
28 March 20, 2013
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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY

Suellen M. Ferguson, Town Attorney