

**TOWN OF PRINCESS ANNE
CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF PRINCESS ANNE AMENDING THE PRINCESS ANNE CHARTER ARTICLE III. REGISTRATION, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS SECTIONS 302. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS TO BE FOUR (4) MEMBERS WHO RESIDE OR WORK IN PRINCESS ANNE; SECTION 303. VOTER REGISTRATION TO CHANGE THE EARLIEST TIME FOR REGISTRATION TO 8:30 A.M. ON ANY REGULAR WORKING DAY; SECTION 304. CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY 4:00 P.M. ON THE THIRD FRIDAY IN APRIL BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the President and Commissioners of the Town of Princess Anne (“Town”) have determined that it is in the best interest of the election process in the Town of Princess Anne to amend the Charter relating to composition and residency requirements of the Board of Supervisors of Elections; to amend the opening time for voter registration on any regular working day; and to amend and clarify the date for filing a Certificate of Candidacy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Commissioners of the Town of Princess Anne, do hereby amend the Town of Princess Anne Charter to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. Registration, Nominations and Elections

Section 302. Board of Supervisors of Elections.

- A. Membership; terms; vacancy; compensation. There shall be a Board of Supervisors of Elections consisting of ~~three members~~ four members, who shall be appointed by the Commissioners on or before the first Tuesday in February in each even-numbered year and who shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are appointed and qualified. Members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall ~~be~~ reside or work in the Town of Princess Anne, and shall not hold or be candidates for any governmental elective office during their term of office. The Board shall elect one of its members as Chair and one as Vice Chair. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the Commissioners for the remainder of the unexpired term. The compensation of the members of the Board and employees of the Board shall be determined by the Commissioners.

- B. Removal. Any member of the Board of Supervisors of Elections may be removed for good cause by the Commissioners. Before removal, the member of the Board of Supervisors of Elections to be removed shall be given a written copy of the charges and shall have a public hearing on said charges before the Commissioners, if so requested in writing, within 10 days after receiving the written copy of the charges. The decision of the Commissioners after such hearing shall be publicly announced within two days after such hearing and shall be conclusive and final.
- C. Powers and duties. The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall be in charge of the registration of voters, candidates and all town elections. The Board may appoint election clerks or other employees to assist it in any of its duties.

Section 303. Voter Registration.

- A. Notice. The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall give at least one month's notice of every town election by advertisement published at least two times in at least one newspaper published in the Town of Princess Anne and having general circulation therein and by posting a notice thereof in some public place or places in the town.
- B. Citizens of the Town of Princess Anne may register to vote in town elections at the Town Hall (Municipal Building) on any regular working day between ~~8:00 a.m.~~ 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Registration shall be permanent and no person shall be entitled to vote in town elections unless that person is registered by the Board of Supervisors of Elections for the Town of Princess Anne. It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Elections to keep the registration list up-to-date by striking from the list persons known to have died or to have become otherwise disqualified as voters under the provisions of this Charter. The Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed, by ordinance, to adopt and enforce any provisions necessary to establish and maintain a system of permanent registration and to provide for re-registration when necessary.
- C. Appeals. If any person shall feel aggrieved by the action of the Board of Supervisors of Elections in refusing to register or in striking off the name of any person or by any other action, such person may appeal to the Commissioners. Any decision or action of the Commissioners upon such appeals may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Somerset County within 30 days of the decision or action of the Commissioners.
- D. Effective January 1, 1990. According to the procedures described in the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Election Code, Article 33, § 3-2(d), residents of the town

who are registered with the county to vote in county, state and federal elections will also be qualified to vote in town elections. In addition, every person who is qualified to vote under the provisions of Section 301 of this Charter shall be automatically registered to vote in all county elections.

Section 304. Certificate of Candidacy.

- A. Filing. A person wishing their name to be placed on the ballot may file as a candidate for elective office in the town by filing a certificate of candidacy accompanied by a filing fee of \$10 at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the town ~~on or before the second Monday in May next preceding the town election~~ by 4:00 p.m. on the third Friday in April prior to Election Day. A person wishing to be a write-in candidate must file as a candidate for elective office in the town by filing a certificate of candidacy accompanied by a filing fee of \$10 at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the town by ~~4:30 p.m.~~ 4:00 p.m. on the 7th day before the start of voting for the office for which the certificate is filed. The name of a write-in candidate will not appear on the ballot. No person shall file as a candidate for more than one elective town public office or hold more than one elective town public office at any one time.

[Amended 12-17-2017 by Res. No. 2018-04]

- B. Form. The form of the certificate of candidacy for election shall be as provided by the office of the Town Manager. The form shall include a space for the person filing as candidate to declare which election district that person votes in and whether that person is a candidate for election in that district or at-large.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the President and Commissioners of the Town of Princess Anne that the title of this Resolution shall be deemed a fair summary of the Amendment provided for herein for publication and all other purposes.

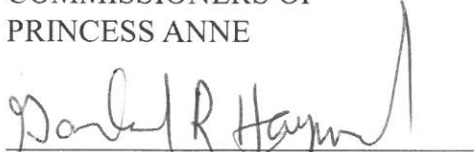
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the President and Commissioners of the Town of Princess Anne that this Resolution will take effect 50 days after its final passage and that its provisions shall be implemented on the 24th day of December, 2019, subject to the right of petition to referendum. The Town Clerk, on behalf of the President and Commissioners, is hereby directed to proceed with the posting of this Resolution, the publication of its fair summary, and the sending of information concerning the Charter Amendment provided for herein to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services pursuant to the requirements of Local Government Article Section 4-311 of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to the extent that any section of the Charter of the Town of Princess Anne is in conflict with the provisions of this

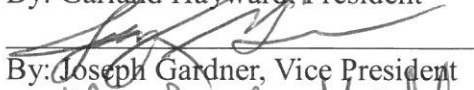
Resolution, such section or sections be and hereby are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a regular meeting of the President and Commissioners of the Town of Princess Anne, Maryland held on 4th day of November, 2019.

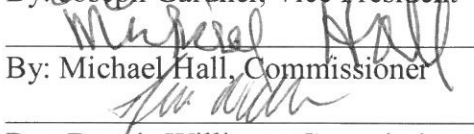
THE PRESIDENT AND
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By: Garland Hayward, President

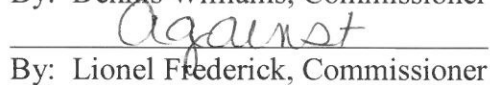


By: Joseph Gardner, Vice President




By: Michael Hall, Commissioner

By: Dennis Williams, Commissioner



By: Lionel Frederick, Commissioner



Deborah Hrusko, Town Manager

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