COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-CR-01

Introduced By: CM Alan Thompson

Date Introduced: December 7, 2015

Date Adopted: January 4, 2016

Date Effective: February 23, 2016

A RESOLUTION concerning

CHARTER AMENDMENT – MINIMUM AGE OF COUNCIL MEMBER

FOR the purpose amending the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park to alter the minimum age for a person to serve as a member of the Riverdale Park Town Council; and generally relating to qualifications to serve on the Town Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments
Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park (January 2008 Revision)
ARTICLE II, The Town Council
Section 202

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SECTION 1: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK that Section 202 of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park, Article II, The Town Council, is repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

§ 202: Qualifications of Council Member

A council member shall be at least ((25)) TWENTY-ONE (21) years of age and a citizen of the United States. He shall have resided within the corporate limits of the town for at least six (6) months immediately preceding election and shall be a qualified voter of the ward from which

elected. A council member shall retain throughout his term of office all the qualifications necessary for his election and failure to retain all such qualifications shall cause a forfeiture of his office.

SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments to the Charter adopted by this Resolution shall become effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after passage of this Resolution, unless a proper petition for referendum meeting the requirements of § 4-304 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall be presented or mailed to the Council in accordance with such § 4-304 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland on or before the fortieth (40th) day after passage of this Resolution. A complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be posted at the Town Hall of Town of Riverdale Park (the "Town") or other main municipal building or public place for a period of at least forty (40) days following its adoption, and the title to this Resolution, being a fair summary of the amendments to the Charter adopted hereby, shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals, within a period of forty (40) days starting immediately after the date of adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 3: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor shall send or cause to be sent to the Department of Legislative Services of the State of Maryland in accordance with the provisions of §§ 4-308 and 4-109 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the following documents or information concerning the Charter amendments: (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 Council or in a referendum; and (4) the effective date of the Charter amendments.

SECTION 4: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to carry out or cause to be carried out the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 hereof; and as evidence of compliance herewith, the Mayor shall cause to be maintained in the records of the Town an appropriate certificate of publication in the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Charter amendments shall have been published or other evidence of publication; provided that, the failure to so maintain the same shall not invalidate the effectiveness of the Charter amendments provided for in this Resolution.

The above amendments to the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park were adopted by the foregoing Resolution which was passed at a Legislative meeting of the Town Council on January 4, 2016, 4 members of the Town Council voting in the affirmative, 0 members of the Town Council voting in the negative, 0 members of the Town Council abstaining and 2 members of the Town Council absent, and the said Resolution becomes effective on the 23rd day of February, 2016 if a petition for referendum has not been filed in the time prescribed by law.

ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor

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