

# **COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND**

## **Resolution 2016-R-12**

**Introduced by: CM Alan Thompson**

**Date Introduced: July 5, 2016**

**Date Adopted: July 5, 2016**

**Date Effective: July 5, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, Town of Riverdale Park Charter § 208 directs that the Council shall determine its own rules and order of business, and Council Resolution 2007-R-06 adopted the use of the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, to the extent that it does not conflict with Town Charter, State Law, or Federal Law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has generally reaffirmed the use of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shortly after the swearing-in of the Mayor and Council after each regular election since Council Resolution 2007-R-06 was adopted, and

**WHEREAS**, at the June 3, 2013, legislative meeting of the Town Council the Council again adopted for rules of order Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised with the additional stipulation that members of the public be recognized as honorary members of the Council as honorary membership is defined in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, and

**WHEREAS**, at the June 1, 2015, legislative meeting of the Town Council the Council again adopted for rules of order Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised but by oversight did not recognize members of the public as honorary members of the Council, and

**WHEREAS**, concern has been expressed by members of the public that during the last year the Mayor and Council have not always met the requirements of § 204 of the Town Charter to allow residents of the town a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting in regard to any municipal question,

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the rules contained in the then-current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern meetings of the Riverdale Park Town Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the laws of the Town of Riverdale Park, the laws of the State of Maryland, and any

other special rules of order the Town Council may adopt as allowed in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, and furthermore be it

**RESOLVED**, that, as defined in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, members of the public in attendance at any open meeting of the Riverdale Park Town Council are honorary members of the Town Council for the duration of the meeting, with all of the rights and responsibilities associated with that honorary membership, and furthermore be it

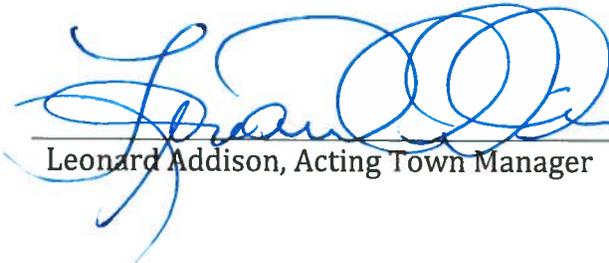
**RESOLVED**, that the Council and Council chair shall ensure that members of the public in attendance at open meetings of the Council are instructed and made aware of their right to be heard at the meeting on any municipal question as required by the Town Charter, and furthermore be it

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution supersedes and replaces Council Resolution 2007-R-06, and furthermore be it

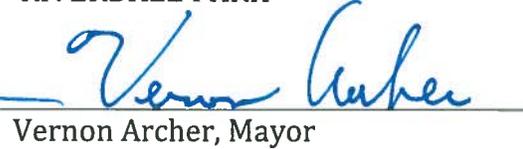
**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be in effect until repealed, replaced, or amended by the Town Council.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
RIVERDALE PARK



Leonard Addison, Acting Town Manager



Vernon Archer, Mayor