

# CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## RESOLUTION 2021-05

**A resolution whereby the City Council declares a vacancy on the Council in Ward 1, notifies the Board of Supervisors of Elections to fill the vacancy and declares the City's 2021 special election for Ward 1 to be a Vote-by-Mail election.**

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Council in Ward 1 and pursuant to the Charter and Code, a special election shall be conducted to fill that vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that there is still uncertainty about the course of the COVID-19 pandemic and is committed to ensuring the 2021 special election is accessible, secure, and safe, while minimizing, to the extent possible, the potential for exposure to COVID-19 to the voting public and City employees and election workers; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Biennial election was successfully held as a vote-by-mail election, resulting in the highest voter turnout in City election history; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-4(B) of the City Code provides that the Mayor and Council may designate by resolution that an election shall be vote-by-mail election; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem it in the best interest of its residents to conduct a vote-by-mail election for the Ward 1 special election pursuant to the City Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville in regular session assembled that there is a Council vacancy in Ward 1 and the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall proceed to fill the Council vacancy in Ward 1 by conducting a special election in accordance with the City's Charter and Code; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville in regular session assembled that the City's 2021 special election for Ward 1 will be a vote-by-mail election.

**INTRODUCED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland at a regular meeting on June 7, 2021, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland at a regular meeting on June 7, 2021, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

APPROVED:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland:

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Date

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Kevin Ward  
Mayor

ATTEST/WITNESS:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland:

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Date

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Laura Reams  
City Clerk