

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND
CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION No. 2024 - 03

**A Resolution Amending the Charter to Remove the
Requirement that Council Meetings Start at 8:00 pm.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), to amend the Charter of the said City, said Charter being a part of the public local laws of Maryland (1963 Edition, as amended), which Article contains in whole or in part the Charter of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, whereby the Mayor and City Council seek to amend the City Charter to eliminate the requirement for Council meetings to start at 8:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe it is in the interests of residents, staff, and the elected officials to have flexibility with meeting start times; and

WHEREAS, the City Council gave at least twenty-one (21) days advance notice of the public hearing held regarding adoption of this Resolution and the amendment to the Charter contained herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, in regular session assembled:

Section 1: That Article II, § C2-3 of the Charter of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, be amended as follows:

§ C2-3 Organization; vacancies; powers and duties of Mayor; meetings; quorum.

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G. The City Council shall hold two (2) regular monthly meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month ~~at 8:00 p.m.~~; except during the months of June and August, when there shall be one (1) meeting on the first Monday of the month, and the months of July and September, when there shall be one (1) meeting on the third Monday of the month, unless any of said days is a legal holiday or a quorum should not be present. In such an event, the regular meetings shall be held on the next business day when a quorum can be obtained or at such time as the Mayor may designate, not more than one (1) week from the date that said meeting should have been held.

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Section 2: That the date of the adoption of this Resolution is , 2024, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City of Hyattsville hereby proposed by this enactment shall become effective on , 2024 (50 days after its passage), unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be filed by , 2024 (40 days after passage) and that an exact copy of this Resolution shall be posted at the main municipal building and a fair summary of the

1 Amendment shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hyattsville
2 not less than four (4) times at weekly intervals within forty (40) days after passage of this Charter
3 Amendment Resolution.

4 **Section 3:** That as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted becomes effective,
5 either as herein provided or following a referendum, the Clerk shall send separately to the
6 Department of Legislative Services, the following information concerning the Charter
7 Amendment: (1) the complete text of this Resolution; (2) the date of referendum election, if any,
8 held with respect thereto; (3) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Mayor
9 and City Council of the City of Hyattsville or in a referendum; and (4) the effective date of the
10 Charter Amendment.

11 **Section 4:** That the Clerk be, and is specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out the
12 provisions of Sections 2 and 3, and as evidence of compliance herewith the said Clerk shall cause
13 to be affixed to the Minutes of this meeting (1) an appropriate certificate of publication of the
14 newspaper in which the fair summary of the Amendment shall have been published; and (2)
15 records of mailing referred to in Section 3, and shall further complete and execute a Certificate of
16 Compliance.

17 **INTRODUCED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a
18 Regular Meeting on _____, 2024, at which meeting copies were available to the public for
19 inspection, and at which time a public hearing took place.

20 **ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a
21 Regular Meeting on _____, 2024, at which meeting copies were available to the public for
22 inspection.

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APPROVED:

Date

City of Hyattsville, Maryland:

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

ATTEST/WITNESS:

Date

City of Hyattsville, Maryland:

Laura Reams
City Clerk

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