

CITY OF SALISBURY

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2333

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF CHARTER CHANGES AND A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE SUCH AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY ARE CONSIDERED AND TO REFLECT THE RECODIFICATION OF STATE LAW.**

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Salisbury may be amended as outlined in § SC21-1-3 of the Charter which refers to Article 23A §§ 11-18 of the Maryland Annotated Code; and

WHEREAS, Article 23A §§ 11-18 were recodified as Local Government Article, §§ 4-301 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Maryland State Law only requires publication of charter amendments after any changes have been adopted by a municipal governing body in its usual course of business, and does not require publication in a newspaper of general circulation before adoption of the amendments; and

WHEREAS, posting alone may not notify the public of important charter changes and may result in charter changes being debated and voted on without the public's input; and

WHEREAS, the Salisbury City Council has concluded that it is in the best interest of City residents to require the publication of a statement of the substance of any charter changes in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salisbury and a public hearing in advance of adoption of an amendment by the Council in order to inform the public of important changes to the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the City Council of the City of Salisbury, that Article XXI of the Charter Section SC 21-2, be amended as follows:

**§ SC 21-2 ~~Council may amend~~ Amendment of Charter**

Amendments to this Charter shall be proposed and enacted in accordance with §§ 11-18 of Article 23A §§ 4-301 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland as the same shall be amended from time to time. In addition to the requirements set forth therein, Resolutions introduced by the Council to change the Charter of the City of Salisbury shall require a public hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salisbury and posted at some public place in the City of Salisbury in advance of the public hearing and prior to a vote by the Council on the Resolution.

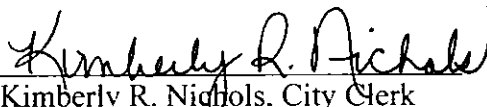
*[1959 Code, sec. 450. 1951, ch. 534, sec. 167][Amended 12-13-99 by Res. No. 687]*


**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Salisbury City Council that the title of this Resolution be deemed a fair summary of the amendments provided for herein for publication and all other puposes;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Salisbury City Council that this Resolution shall take effect fifty (50) days after the date of its final passage and that its provisions shall be implemented on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2013, subject to the right of petition to referendum. The City Clerk, on behalf of the Mayor, is hereby directed to proceed with the posting of this Resolution, and the publication of its fair summary, and the sending of information concerning the charter amendments provided for herein to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services pursuant to the requirements of § 4-304 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The above Resolution was introduced, read and passed at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

ATTEST:

  
Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk

  
Jacob R. Day, City Council President

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