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RESOLUTION NO. 1516

CHARTER AMENDMENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY AND RE-ENACTING, WITH AMENDMENTS, CHARTER SECTION SC7-35 IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE MAXIMUM REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE.

WHEREAS, Section SC7-35 of the Salisbury City Charter establishes a maximum real property rate of \$.68 per \$100 valuation for all general purposes other than for servicing bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Salisbury has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Salisbury that, pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland, as amended, and Section 13(a) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, the maximum real property tax rate be eliminated from the City Charter.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salisbury City Council that Section SC7-35 (Taxable property) of the Charter of the City of Salisbury, as published in <u>Municipal Charters of Maryland</u>, Volume 6 (1990 Replacement Edition, as amended through the November 2005 Supplement), be repealed in its entirety and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: Section SC7-35. Taxable property.

All real and tangible personal property within the limits of the City of Salisbury, or which may have a situs there by reason of the residence of the owner therein, shall be subject to taxation for municipal purposes, and the assessment for said purpose shall be the same as that for state and county purposes. [The Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall not tax property for all general purposes other than servicing bonds at a rate greater than sixty-eight cents (\$0.68) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.) of assessed valuation.]

AND be it further resolved by the City Council that the title of this Resolution shall be deemed a fair summary of the amendments provided for herein for publication and all other purposes.

AND be it further resolved by the City Council that this Resolution shall take effect fifty (50) days after the date of its final passage subject to the right of petition to referendum. The City Clerk, on behalf of the Mayor, is hereby directed to proceed with the posting and publication of this Resolution and the sending of information concerning the charter amendments provided for herein to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services pursuant to the requirements of Article 23A 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 this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Brenda J. Colegrove City Clerk Louise Smith President of the City Council of the City of Salisbury