



**TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT
RESOLUTION 18-2017**

A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Port Deposit, Cecil County,
Maryland titled:

CHARTER AMENDMENT – REVISIONS TO ARTICLE III, Section 304 MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council seek to amend the Charter of the Town of Port
Deposit in order to promote more efficient and effective governance within the Town’s
incorporated boundaries

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Council of the Town of Port
Deposit as permitted under Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Article 23A of the
Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time, that the provisions of the Charter
of the Town of Port Deposit, Article III, Section 304, Meeting of the Council as they now exist
are amended as follows, with eliminated content in [brackets] and added content in **bold**
UPPECASE.

SECTION 304. MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The newly elected Council shall meet at **7:00** [7:30] p.m. on the first Tuesday following
its election for the purpose of organization, after which the Council shall meet regularly at
such times as may be prescribed by its rules but not less frequently than once each
month. Special meetings shall be called by the Town Clerk upon request of the
Mayor or a majority of the members of the Council. All meetings of the Council
shall be open to the public, except and notwithstanding anything in this charter to the
contrary the council may meet in closed sessions or adjourn an open session in those
instances and in the manner provided by state law. The rules of the Council shall

provide that the residents of the Town shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting in regard to any municipal question. **RES. NO. 18-2017**

That the aforesated Section, as revised and attached hereto and incorporated by reference is hereby adopted as the new Section 304 to Article III.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the effective date of the adoption of this resolution is May 2, 2017; and the amendment of the Charter of the Town of Port Deposit hereby enacted shall become effective on June 22, 2017, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by Article 23A, Section 13 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, , provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the bulletin Board in the Town Office until June 12, 2017 and provided a copy of the title of this Resolution and a fair summary of the Charter Amendment shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation once a week for four weeks on May 18, 2017, May 25, 2017, June 1, 2017 and June 8, 2017.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Administrator is hereby specifically instructed to carry out the provisions of this resolution; and as evidence of such compliance, the Town Administrator shall cause to be maintained appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper in which the title of the Resolution and the fair summary of the Charter Amendment shall have been published. If a favorable referendum is held on the Charter Amendment, the Mayor and Council shall proclaim the Charter Amendment hereby enacted to be approved by the voters; and the Charter Amendment shall become effective on the date provided by law.


BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that within ten (10) days of this Charter Amendment becoming effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the Town


Administrator shall send by registered mail to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services a certified copy of this Resolution showing the number of Councilmembers voting for and against it and a report on the votes cast for and against the Amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of such referendum vote.

The above Charter Amendment was enacted by the foregoing Resolution which was passed at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Port Deposit on May 2, 2017, 4 members of the Town Council voting in affirmation, 0 members of the Town Council voting in the negative, 0 members of the Town Council abstaining, and 2 members of the Town Council absent; and the said Resolution becomes effective in accordance with the law on the 22nd day of June, 2017.

ADOPTED this 2 day of May, 2017

MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the TOWN of PORT DEPOSIT, MARYLAND


Wayne L. Tome, Sr., Mayor


John Leeds, Deputy Mayor


Kevin Brown, Council


John Haines, Council


Thomas Knight, Council


Robert A. Kuhs, Council

ATTEST:


Charles Herring, Esquire


Kate Rodgers, Council