



**TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT  
RESOLUTION 19-2017**

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

CHARTER AMENDMENT – REVISIONS TO ARTICLE V, Section 501 (22) FRANCHISES.

**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 V, Section 501 (22), Franchises as they now exist are amended as follows, with eliminated content in [brackets] and added content in **bold UPPECASE**.

**SECTION 501 (22). FRANCHISES**

Franchises. To grant and regulate franchises to water companies, electric light companies, gas companies, telegraph and telephone companies, transit companies, taxicab companies, and any others which may be advantageous and beneficial to the Town[, subject, however, to the imitations and provisions of Article 23 and Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 edition, as amended)]. No franchise shall be granted for a longer period than fifty (50) years. **RES. NO. 19-2017**

That the aforestated Section, as revised and attached hereto and incorporated by reference is hereby adopted as the new Section 501 (22) to Article V.

**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.

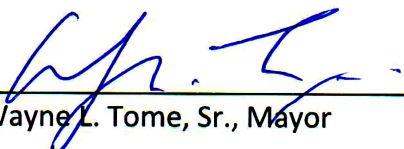
**BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**, that within ten (10) days of this Charter Amendment becoming effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the Town Administrator shall send by registered mail to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services

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

Absent  
John Leeds, Deputy Mayor

  
Kevin Brown, Council

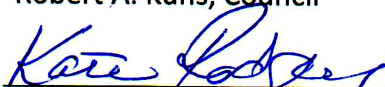
Absent  
John Haines, Council

  
Thomas Knight, Council

  
Robert A. Kuhs, Council

ATTEST:

  
Charles Herring, Esquire

  
Kate Rodgers, Council