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Resolution No. 11-02

RESOLUTION:

To establish a Charter Review Commission to review and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council on the election process contained in the Charter and Election Ordinance of the City of Rockville.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have approved five (5) goals and twenty-two (22) action items for 2002-2003; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals set by the Mayor and Council is the enhancement of Rockville's Community Identity and pride; and

WHEREAS, one of the action items identified by the Mayor and Council to reach that goal is a review of the Charter provisions and Election Ordinance provisions related to the election process; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to establish a Charter Review Commission for the purpose of reviewing Article II, "The Mayor and Council," and Article III, "Registration, Nominations and Elections," of the City Charter and Article II of the Elections Ordinance, "Types of Elections", and any additional provisions of the City Charter and Rockville City Code related to these topics that the Commission believes are appropriate, and to prepare a report with the Commission's recommendations to the Mayor and Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE MARYLAND, as follows:

1. That a Charter Review Commission is hereby established as follows:
  - a. The Charter Review Commission will be comprised of no more than eleven members, all of whom will be registered voters who reside in the City.
  - b. The Chair of the Supervisors of Elections will serve as an ex officio representative to the Charter Review Commission.
2. That the Charter Review Commission has the following duties and responsibilities:
  - a. To review and evaluate Articles II and III of the City Charter, and Article II of Chapter 8, the "Elections Ordinance" of the Rockville City Code, which shall include, but not be limited to, the methods by which referenda can be generated by citizens; requiring that referenda bind the Mayor and Council; weekend elections; alternative days and times for voting; length of terms for the Mayor and Council; staggered terms for the Mayor and Council; voting privileges for resident alien citizens of Rockville,

the number of members of the Mayor and Council; councilmanic districts vs. at-large elections; and mandatory charter review every ten (10) years.

- b. To solicit citizen input regarding these issues by public forums or other process.
- c. To prepare a final report to the Mayor and Council no later than January 1, 2003, setting forth the findings, recommendations, and any proposals for amendments to the Charter and the Election Ordinance of the City of Rockville.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting July 8, 2002.

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Claire Funkhouser, City Clerk