

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

**RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are resolved to further perfect Rockville's form of government; and

WHEREAS, the form that the City's elected body takes and the schedule by which it is elected are of keen interest to the City's citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have identified three areas of the Rockville Charter regarding the election and service of the members of the Mayor and Council that they wish to have examined; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to establish a Charter Review Commission for the purpose of reviewing Article II, "The Mayor and Council," Section 1, "Number, Selection, Term, Qualification, and Payment," Part (a), and Article III, "Registration, Nominations and Elections," Section 4, "Election of Mayor and Council," of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire that the Charter Review Commission solicit citizen input, deliberate with all due care, prepare a report with its recommendations, and deliver that report 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 shall be comprised of no more than fifteen members, all of whom shall be

registered voters who reside in the City.

- b. The City shall solicit applications for the Charter Review Commission from eligible members of the public according to the appointment procedures prescribed in the Mayor and Council's "Guidelines And Procedures For Citizen Boards and Commissions," adopted March 12, 2012.
  - c. From the pool of applications received, each member of the Mayor and Council shall select three members of the Charter Review Commission.
  - d. The Chair of the Supervisors of Elections shall additionally serve as an *ex officio* representative to the Charter Review Commission.
  - e. The first order of business of the Charter Review Commission shall be to elect a chair from its ranks.
2. That the Charter Review Commission has the following duties and responsibilities:
- a. To review and evaluate Article II, Section 1(a), and Article III, Section 4, of the City Charter regarding the following issues:
    - i. the length of the elected terms of the Mayor and Council;
    - ii. the number of members of the City Council; and
    - iii. the schedule by which elections for the Mayor and Council are held.
  - b. To review and evaluate any additional provisions of the City Charter and Rockville City Code related to these topics that the Commission believes are appropriate.

- c. To solicit citizen input regarding these issues by public forums or other process.
  - d. To prepare a final report and deliver it to the Mayor and Council no later than January 1, 2013, setting forth the findings, recommendations, and any proposals for amendments to the Charter, or changes to the Code, of the City of Rockville.
3. That the Mayor and Council shall carefully consider the recommendations of the Charter Review Commission and vote on whether to place such recommendations on the November 2013 City ballot as advisory referenda, as prescribed by Section 8-23 of the Rockville City Code.