

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER FH003-07
PROPOSING TO AMEND THE FOREST HEIGHTS TOWN CHARTER
SECTION 33-93. CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Jacqueline Goodall

ENACTED: September 4, 2007

WHEREAS, the citizens of Forest Heights deserve consistent full representation in the Town Government of their elected representatives and executive; and

WHEREAS, Maryland Code Article 23A, 12 and 13 governing municipalities empower and regulate the Town Council in enacting charter amendments and the Mayor in posting and publication of proposed charter amendments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of Forest Heights proposes to amend the Charter of the Town of Forest Heights Section 33-93, Code of Conduct. The amendment of the Charter of the Town of Forest Heights shall be enacted by striking the current language [**boldface in brackets**] which reads:

[(a) Charter Violation. Any violations of the Charter of the Town of Forest Heights, as determined by a 2/3 majority Council vote, shall be grounds for immediate suspension from office for a period of not more than 180 days. Suspension from office shall only be effected with a 2/3 majority Council vote. In the case of the Mayor being suspended, the Council shall carry out the duties of the Mayor until said suspension expires. (b) Pending Criminal Charges. Any Town Official facing pending criminal charges may be subject to suspension of duties pending the outcome of the criminal charges against him. Suspension from office shall only be effected with a 2/3 majority Council vote. In the case of the Mayor being suspended, the Council shall carry out the duties of the Mayor until said suspension expires. The terms of suspension shall be clearly delineated by resolution.] (Ch. Res. No. 13 Nov. 16, 2005.)

And replacing said language with the following (underscored) language:

“(a) Charter Violations. Any violations of the Charter of the Town of Forest Heights, as determined by a favorable vote of the 4 members of the Council vote, shall be grounds for immediate suspension from office for a period of not more than 180 days. Suspension from office shall only be effected with a favorable vote of the 4 members of the Council vote. In the case of the Mayor being suspended, the President of the Council shall carry out the duties of the Mayor until said suspension expires. (b) Pending Criminal Charges. Any Town Official facing pending criminal charges may be subject to suspension of duties pending the outcome of the criminal charges against him. Suspension from office shall only be

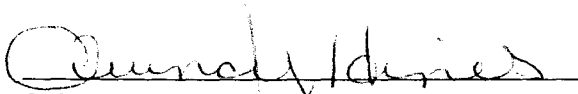
effected with a favorable vote of the 4 members of the Council vote. In the case of the Mayor being suspended, the President of the Council shall carry out the duties of the Mayor until said suspension expires."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor shall give notice of this resolution for a proposed Charter Amendment by posting an exact copy thereof at the town hall for a period of at least 40 days following its adoption and shall cause a fair summary of this proposed Charter Amendment to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Forest Heights not less than four times, at weekly intervals within a period of at least forty days starting not later than three days immediately following the date of the adoption of this resolution containing the proposed charter amendment.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that failure to comply with this resolution shall be deemed a misdemeanor and subject to 30 days in prison and a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00, in accordance with Section 33-21 of the Town Charter; and

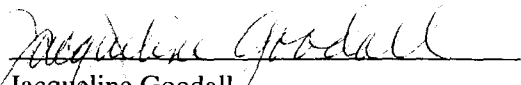
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and the Charter Amendment hereby proposed shall take effect October 4, 2007.

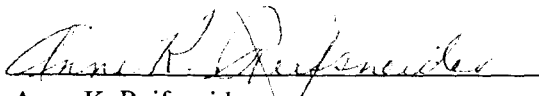
PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007



Quincy Hines, Mayor

Andrea McCutcheon, Council President



C. Lynn Smith-Barnes
Councilperson, Ward I


Jacqueline Goodall
Councilperson, Ward I


Anne K. Reifsneider
Councilperson, Ward II


William E. Clarke
Councilperson, Ward III

Taunya L. Hines
Councilperson, Ward III

ATTEST: 
BONITA ANDERSON
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
TOWN COUNCIL
VOTE TALLY**

DATE: September 19, 2007

MEETING/SESSION: Town Meeting

**SUBJECT: CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER
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MOTION BY: Councilwoman McCutcheon

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Goodall

COUNCILMEMBER NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
COUNCILMAN, Clarke	✓		
COUNCILWOMAN, Hines		✓	
COUNCILWOMAN, Goodall	✓		
COUNCILWOMAN, McCutcheon	✓		
COUNCILWOMAN, Smith-Barnes	✓		
COUNCILWOMAN, Reifsneider	✓		
MAYOR, Hines	✓		

NOTES: _____

Bonita Anderson
BONITA ANDERSON, TOWN CLERK