

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER FH005-07
PROPOSING TO AMEND THE FOREST HEIGHTS TOWN CHARTER
SECTION 33-19. VACANCY

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 33-19, Vacancy. The amendment of the Charter of the Town of Forest Heights shall be enacted by striking the current language [**boldface in brackets**] which reads:

“[In case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Council shall elect some person qualified in accordance with Section 33-16 to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The results of any such vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the Council]” (Ch. Res. No. 1, August 21, 1963; Res. No. 6, October 7, 1982; Ch. Res No. 28, March 9, 2007)

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

“If a vacancy in the office of Mayor occurs less than fifteen (15) months prior to the next election, the President of the Council shall become Mayor until the next regular election, and the Council vacancy thus created shall be filled as provided in this Charter. If the Mayoral vacancy occurs fifteen (15) months or more prior to the next regular election, the Council shall call a special election to be held not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days following the occurrence of the vacancy. The President of the Council shall act as Mayor until the special election. The person elected at the special election shall serve until the next Regular Election.”

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

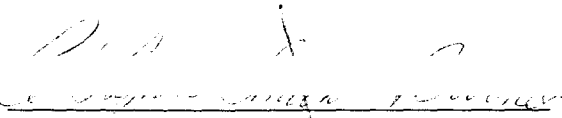
weekly intervals within a period of at least forty days starting not later than three days immediately following the date of the adoption of this resolution containing the proposed charter amendment.

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 33-22 of 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 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007

Quincy Hines, Mayor



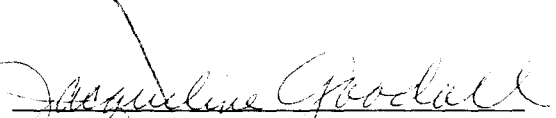
C. Lynn Smith-Barnes
Councilperson, Ward I



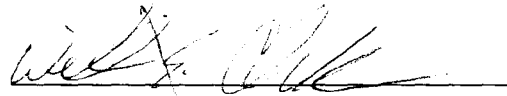
Anne K. Reifsneider
Councilperson, Ward II

Taunya L. Hines
Councilperson, Ward III


Andrea McCutcheon, Council President



Jacqueline Goodall
Councilperson, Ward I



William E. Clarke
Councilperson, Ward III

ATTEST: 

BONITA ANDERSON
Town Clerk

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MOTION BY: Councilwoman Goodall (1)

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman McCutcheon

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

NOTES: Amend change mayor Pro Tem to
President of Council

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BONITA ANDERSON, TOWN CLERK

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SECONDED BY: Councilwoman McCutcheon

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

NOTES: Overall Charter amendment as amended.

Bonita Anderson
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