

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS July 2, 2024
RESOLUTION NO. 24-23

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

Re: Charter Amendment – Supplemental Appropriations

The Frederick County Charter, Section 701, provides that the Charter may be amended by the procedures provided in Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution.

Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution provides, in relevant part, that amendments to any charter adopted by any County may be proposed by a Resolution of the County Council.

Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution provides that a Charter Amendment shall be published by the President of the County Council once a week for five successive weeks prior to the election in at least one newspaper published in the County.

Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution provides that an amendment so proposed shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the next general or congressional election occurring after the passage of the resolution.

Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution provides that if at the election the majority of the votes cast for and against the amendment shall be in favor thereof, the amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the charter of the County from and after the thirtieth day after the election.

The Frederick County Charter currently permits the County Council the ability to make supplemental appropriations from contingency appropriations, revenues in excess of budget estimates, or revenues not anticipated in the budget. Specifically, Subsection 510 states:

510. Supplemental Appropriations

On the recommendation of the Executive, the Council may make supplemental appropriations from any contingency appropriations in the Budget; from revenues received from anticipated sources but in excess of budget estimates; or from revenues received from sources not anticipated in the Budget.

The County Council is not currently required to hold a public hearing on supplemental appropriations presented to them through budget journal adjustments.

The County Council, therefore, adopts this Resolution to amend Subsection 510 of the County Charter to read:

510. Supplemental Appropriations

On the recommendation of the Executive, the Council may make supplemental appropriations from any contingency appropriations in the Budget; from revenues received from anticipated sources but in excess of budget estimates; or from revenues received from sources not anticipated in the Budget. **THE COUNCIL SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON ANY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE GENERAL FUND IN EXCESS OF \$1,000,000.**

The County Council held a duly advertised public hearing on this proposed Charter Amendment on June 4, 2024. The public had an opportunity to comment on the proposed Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the County Council of Frederick County that the following amendment to the Frederick County Charter shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the next general or congressional election in accordance with Section 701 of the Frederick County Charter and Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution:

510. Supplemental Appropriations

On the recommendation of the Executive, the Council may make supplemental appropriations from any contingency appropriations in the Budget; from revenues received from anticipated sources but in excess of budget estimates; or from revenues received from sources not anticipated in the Budget. **THE COUNCIL**

EXPLANATION:

BOLD CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO THE CHARTER.

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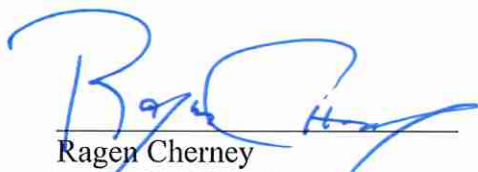
AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Frederick County, that pursuant to Section 701 of the Frederick County Charter and Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, the amendment shall be published by the President of the County Council at least once a week for five successive weeks prior to the election in at least one newspaper published in said County;

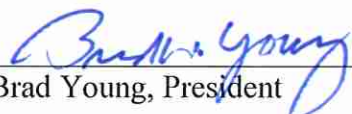
AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Frederick County, that pursuant to Section 701 of the Frederick County Charter and Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, this proposed Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the next general or congressional election occurring after the passage of this Resolution.

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Resolution was approved and adopted on the 2nd day of July, 2024.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND


Ragen Cherney
Council Chief of Staff

By: 
Brad Young, President

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