

Frederick County Charter Review Commission

February 28, 2020

The Honorable M.C. Keegan-Ayer
President, Frederick County Council
Winchester Hall
12 East Church Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Council President Keegan-Ayer,

Enclosed please find the report of the Frederick County Charter Review Commission, as required by Frederick County Resolution No. 19-09, adopted by the County Council on May 28, 2019.

The Frederick County Charter Review Commission held sixteen public meetings between June of 2019 and January of 2020 to ensure that the Frederick County Charter is clear in meaning, addresses the needs of contemporary government, and remains a functional, working document that effectively outlines the framework for the efficient operation of County government. We completed a thorough review of each section of the Charter with the participation of Frederick County citizens, elected officials, and county staff at every level of deliberation. The Commission hereby submits the attached recommendations for review and consideration. These recommendations present thoughtful proposed changes to the Charter that are the result of a collaborative process of our Commission, with careful consideration of input from the public and the stakeholders within County government.

I would like to thank the members of the Commission who gave freely of their time and worked to create this document. Throughout the process, the Commission members remained thoughtful of our purpose, respectful to each other, and genuinely striving to improve the efficiency and operation of Frederick County government. It was an honor for us to serve the people of Frederick County in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Slater
Chair, Frederick County Charter Review Commission