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FY 2025 City of Annapolis Departmental Reorganization – For the purpose of recreating the Department of Human Resources; creating the Department of Integrated Technology Solutions; reassigning certain duties; and all matters generally related to such departmental reorganization.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis

Charter Amendment 2-24

Introduced by: Mayor Buckley

Referred to:

Rules and City Government Committee

A CHARTER AMENDMENT concerning

FY 2025 City of Annapolis Departmental Reorganization

FOR the purpose of recreating the Department of Human Resources; creating the Department of Information Technology Services; reassigning certain duties; and all matters generally related to such departmental reorganization.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments, the following portions of the City Charter

Article VI, Section 2B

Article VI, Section 5

Article VI, Section 6

SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Charter of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

THE CHARTER

Article VI - OPERATIONS

Section 2B. City Manager.

- (a) There shall be a **eCity mManager** in the office of the **mMayor** who shall be the chief administrative officer of the city. The **eCity mManager** shall be the direct

- subordinate of the ~~m~~Mayor and shall have supervisory authority over the deputy ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager for resilience and sustainability and department directors as provided by the City's organizational chart that is prepared by the ~~m~~Mayor and accepted by the City Council.
- (b) The ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager shall be appointed by the ~~m~~Mayor and confirmed by the ~~e~~City ~~e~~Council based solely on his or her experience and credentials as a ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager. The ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager may be removed from office by the ~~m~~Mayor or City Council. The ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager shall have had, before appointment, an advanced degree in business or public administration from an accredited college or university and at least eight years' experience in local government management at the executive level. The ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager shall be thoroughly familiar with contemporary budgeting and accounting practices.
- (c) The ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager shall devote full time to the duties of the office.
- (d) The ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager's compensation shall be fixed by the ~~m~~Mayor according to the provisions of an executive pay plan formulated by the Council Compensation Commission and adopted by ordinance. If the ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager is hired during an interim year, the ~~m~~Mayor and council shall determine the compensation based on the recommendations from the Finance Committee.
- (e) The ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager shall have the following additional powers and duties:
- (1) To administer the day-to-day operations of the municipal government and oversee the delivery of municipal services;
 - (2) To exercise supervisory authority over the ~~e~~Deputy ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager for resilience and sustainability and department directors, as provided for by the City's organizational chart that is prepared by the ~~m~~Mayor and accepted by the City Council;
 - (3) To direct the operations of the city government;
 - (4) To supervise the preparation of the city budget;
 - (5) To advise the ~~m~~Mayor and City Council in the formation of policy and the implementation of plans to address demands for municipal services, enhance the quality of life, and strengthen the economic vitality of the city;
 - (6) To perform such duties not inconsistent with this Charter as may be delegated by the ~~m~~Mayor from time to time;
 - (7) To provide a monthly status report summarizing recent noteworthy activities of city operation, including department and office updates, performance management milestones, and activities of the ~~m~~Mayor's office. The monthly ~~e~~City ~~m~~Manager's report shall be posted on the

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city's website and available to the public; and sequentially renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly;

- (8) To adjust parking rates in City-owned parking garages and parking lots to the extent permitted, pursuant to 12.04.040 A.6. of the Code of the City of Annapolis. The City Manager may appoint a designee to determine any such adjustments to parking rates in City-owned parking garages and parking lots;
 - ~~(9) To supervise the daily operations of the Office of Integrated Technology Solutions; and~~
 - ~~(10) To supervise the daily operations of the human resources office of the city, including:
 - ~~(i) Administering a civil service system;~~
 - ~~(ii) Conducting investigations and examinations for appointment or promotion in the civil service; and~~
 - ~~(iii) Administering certain other activities related to the payment, benefits, training, discipline, and retirement of city officials and employees.~~~~
- (f) In the event of a vacancy in the position of eCity mManager, the Mayor shall promptly appoint a qualified person to serve as acting eCity mManager.
- (1) The acting eCity mManager may exercise all the powers of the eCity mManager and enjoys the same immunity accorded the eCity mManager.
 - (2) The acting eCity mManager shall receive such compensation as determined by the mMayor consistent with the executive pay plan.
 - (3) However, if the position of eCity mManager remains vacant for more than six months, no compensation may be paid to an acting city manager without the approval of the Council at every six-month interval.

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Article VI - OPERATIONS

Section 5. ~~Department of Law~~ Department of Integrated Technology Solutions

- (a) The Director of Integrated Technology Solutions shall administer the Department of Integrated Technology Solutions. The Director of Integrated Technology Solutions shall be appointed based on his/her knowledge and experience in the

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field of information technology, of which at least three years shall have been in an executive or supervisory position.

(b) The Department of Integrated Technology Solutions shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Overseeing the operation and maintenance of all City software, computer hardware, and network control activities;
- (2) Planning, acquiring, and ensuring the effectiveness of information technology, including telephones, radios, computer equipment, networks and their interconnections, geographic information systems; and
- (3) Overseeing cybersecurity implementation.

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Article VI - OPERATIONS

Section 6. Department of Human Resources ~~(Repealed)~~.

- (a) A Director of Human Resources shall administer the Department of Human Resources. The Director of Human Resources shall be appointed based on his/her knowledge and experience in human resources and public personnel administration, of which at least three years shall have been in an executive or supervisory position.
- (b) The Department of Human Resources shall have the following powers and duties:
 - (1) Administering a civil service system;
 - (2) Conducting investigations and examinations for appointment or promotion in the civil service; and
 - (3) Administering certain other activities related to city officials and employees' payment, benefits, training, discipline, and retirement.

SECTION II: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the following state requirements are met:

1. A public hearing notice for the proposed charter amendment shall be published at least 21 days before the hearing which was held on **December 9**;
2. After City Council adoption, a copy of the title and purpose of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Annapolis

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once a week for four weeks and were published on **March 9, 2025; March 16, 2025; March 23, 2025; and March 30, 2025;**

3. The charter amendment hereby enacted shall become effective on **April 5, 2025**, unless a proper petition for a referendum as permitted by law is filed within 40 days of adoption;
4. A complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted in the City Hall until **April 5, 2025;**

SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Mayor is hereby specifically commanded to carry out the provisions of Section II hereof, and, as evidence of such compliance:

1. The Mayor shall cause to be maintained appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper or newspapers in which the title of the Resolution shall have been published; and
2. If a favorable referendum is held on the Charter change, the Mayor shall declare the Charter change hereby enacted to be effective on _____, by affixing his signature hereto in the space provided on the effective date of change.

SECTION IV: BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted becomes effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the Mayor shall send to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services a copy of this Resolution certifying the following:

1. The above Charter Amendment was adopted by the Annapolis City Council on **February 24, 2025;**
2. The number of aldermen and alderwomen votes cast, 6 voting in the affirmative, 2 voting in the negative, 1 abstaining, and 0 absent; and
3. The effective date of the said resolution in accordance with law on the **5th** day of April, 2025.

ADOPTED this 24th day of February 2025.

Aye: 6 Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 2 Alderwoman O'Neill and Alderman Savidge

Abstain: 1 Alderwoman Pindell Charles

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THE ANNAPOLIS CITY
COUNCIL


Gavin Buckley, Mayor

Date:

3/21/25

ATTEST


Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,
City Clerk

Date:

3/21/25

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