

1 **..Title**

2 **Office of Law** – For the purpose of establishing an Office of Law.

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4 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**

5 *City of Annapolis*

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7 **Charter Amendment 3-19**

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9 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley and Alderwoman Finlayson**

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11 **Referred to**

12 **Rules and City Government Committee**

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15 **A CHARTER AMENDMENT** Resolution concerning

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17 **Office of Law**

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19 **FOR** the purpose of establishing an Office of Law.

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21 **BY** repealing and reenacting the following portions of the City Charter:
22 Article V, Section 4

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25 **SECTION I: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
26 Charter of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

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28 **THE CHARTER**

29 **Article V - MAYOR**

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31 **Sec. 4. - ~~City attorney~~OFFICE OF LAW.**

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33 (A) THERE IS ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE OF LAW. The office of ~~the mayor~~LAW
34 SHALL BE SUPERVISED BY ~~include~~ the general counsel for the city who shall be known
35 as the city attorney. The city attorney shall be appointed on the basis of ~~his/her~~ HIS OR
36 HER knowledge of municipal law and administration, shall be a member in good standing
37 of the Bar of Maryland, shall have been actively engaged in the practice of law in the state
38 of Maryland for at least five (5) years, and shall not maintain a private practice except to
39 the extent authorized by the city council.

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41 (B) THE CITY ATTORNEY SHALL HAVE ADDITIONAL POWERS AND
42 DUTIES AS SET FORTH IN THE CITY CODE.

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45 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
46 **COUNCIL** that a notice of public hearing was published on the proposed charter

1 amendment, at least 21 days in advance of the public hearing that was held on _____
 2 _____.

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 4 **SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
 5 **COUNCIL** that the date of adoption of this Resolution is _____, 20__, and the
 6 amendments of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, hereby enacted shall become effective
 7 on _____, 20__, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted
 8 by law within 40 days of adoption, provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution
 9 shall be continuously posted on the bulletin board in the City Hall until _____, 20__, and
 10 provided further that a copy of the title of this Resolution shall be published in "The
 11 Capital," a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Annapolis, or in any other
 12 newspaper of such general circulation, once in each of the weeks on, _____, 20__,
 13 _____, 20__, _____, 20__, and _____, 20__.

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 16 **SECTION IV: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS**
 17 **CITY COUNCIL** that the Mayor is hereby specifically commanded to carry out the
 18 provisions of Section II hereof, and, as evidence of such compliance, the Mayor shall cause
 19 to be maintained appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper or newspapers in
 20 which the title of the Resolution shall have been published and if a favorable referendum
 21 is held on the Charter change, shall declare the Charter change hereby enacted to be
 22 effective on _____, 20__, by affixing his signature hereto in the space provided on the
 23 effective date of change.

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 26 **SECTION V: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS**
 27 **CITY COUNCIL** that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become
 28 effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the Mayor shall send to the
 29 Maryland Department of Legislative Services a copy of this Resolution showing the
 30 number of Aldermen and Alderwomen voting for and against it and a report on the votes
 31 cast for or against the amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date
 32 of such referendum.

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 34 The above Charter Amendment was enacted by the foregoing Resolution which
 35 was passed at a Meeting of the Annapolis City Council on _____, 20__; _____ voting in
 36 the affirmative, _____ voting in the negative, _____ abstaining and _____ absent and the
 37 said Resolution becomes effective in accordance with law on the __ day of _____ 20__.

40 EXPLANATION

41 UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.

42 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken from existing law.

43 Underlining indicates amendments.