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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
6/10/2019	1	City Council	adopt on second reader	Pass
6/10/2019	1	City Council	adopt on third reader	Pass
6/3/2019	1	City Council	declare the public hearing closed	
5/14/2019	1	Rules & City Government Committee	recommend favorably	Pass
4/22/2019	1	Finance Committee	recommend favorably	Pass
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4/8/2019	1	City Council	refer	

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**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Charter Amendment 3-19**

**Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

**Referred to  
Rules and City Government Committee**

**A CHARTER AMENDMENT** Resolution concerning

**Office of Law**

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

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

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

**THE CHARTER**  
**Article V - MAYOR**

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

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

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

**SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that a notice of public hearing was published on the proposed charter amendment, at least 21 days in advance of the public hearing that was held on June 3, 2019.

**SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the date of adoption of this Resolution is June 10, 2019, and the amendments of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, hereby enacted shall become effective on July 30, 2019, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law within 40 days of adoption, provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the bulletin board in the City Hall until July 22, 2019, and provided further that a copy of the title of this Resolution shall be published in "The Capital," a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Annapolis, or in any other newspaper of such general circulation, once in each of the weeks on, June 28, 2019, July 5, 2019, July 12, 2019, and July 19, 2019.

**SECTION IV: AND 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, 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 if a favorable referendum is held on the Charter change, shall declare the Charter change hereby enacted to be effective on July 30, 2019, by affixing his signature hereto in the space provided on the effective date of change.

**SECTION V: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become 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 showing the number of Aldermen and Alderwomen voting for and against it and a report on the votes cast for or against the amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of such referendum.

The above Charter Amendment was enacted by the foregoing Resolution which was passed at a Meeting of the Annapolis City Council on June 10, 2019; 8 voting in the affirmative, 0 voting in the negative, 0 abstaining and 0 absent and the said Resolution becomes effective in accordance with law on the 30th day of July, 2019.

**EXPLANATION**

UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.

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

Underlining indicates amendments.