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**Acting Mayor Designation** - For the purpose of amending the procedure for designating an Acting Mayor.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Charter Amendment 1-19**

**Introduced by: Alderwoman Henson**

**Referred to  
Rules and City Government Committee**

**A CHARTER AMENDMENT** Resolution concerning

**Acting Mayor Designation**

**FOR** the purpose of amending the procedure for designating an Acting Mayor.

**BY** repealing and reenacting the following portion of the City Charter:  
Article V, Section 3.

**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:

**Article V MAYOR**

**Sec. 3. - Acting mayor.**

(a) The mayor ~~may~~, during his temporary disability or absence from the city for longer than one day, ~~may~~ designate in writing an alderman/alderwoman to serve as acting mayor and to perform the duties of the office. An acting mayor has the same rights, duties, powers and obligations as the mayor.

(b) In the event that the mayor is temporarily disabled or absent from the city for longer than one day and fails to designate an acting mayor as above provided, ~~the city manager~~ the aldermen/alderwomen, in successive order, beginning with the current alderman/alderwoman who has served the longest length of time on the city council and ending with the alderman/alderwoman who has served the shortest length of time on the city

council shall serve as acting mayor until such time as the city council, at the call of any member, meets and, by a majority vote, designates an alderman/alderwoman to serve as acting mayor. An acting mayor has the same rights, duties, powers and obligations as the mayor. In the event that no member of the city council is able to serve as acting mayor due to temporary disability or absence from the city, until such time as the city council, at the call of any member, meets and by a majority vote, or until the vacancy of the mayor or alderman/alderwoman may be filled pursuant to Art. 2 Sec. 7 of the charter, whichever shall occur first, the individual serving in each position listed below, in ascending order of succession, shall serve as acting mayor:

- (1) city manager;
- (2) director of finance;
- (3) city attorney;
- (4) director of public works;
- (5) director of planning and zoning;
- (6) director of transportation;
- (7) director of recreation and parks;
- (8) fire chief;
- (9) police chief.

(c) No later than the fourth council meeting after the mayor and aldermen/alderwomen take office, the city council shall, by resolution, designate the successive order of each current alderman/alderwoman beginning with the alderman/alderwoman who has served the longest length of time on the city council and ending with the alderman/alderwoman who has served the shortest length of time on the city council.

**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 March 11, 2019.

**SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the date of adoption of this Resolution is March 26, 2019, and the amendments of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, hereby enacted shall become effective on May 16, 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 May 6, 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, April 15, 2019, April 22, 2019, April 29, and May 6, 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 May 6, 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 March 26, 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 16th day of May, 2019.

#### **EXPLANATION**

Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.

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

Double Underlining indicates amendments.