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Charter History

	1937	Enacted by Maryland Legislature, Chapter 372
	1947	Amended
	1949	Amended
May	1960	Amended
July	1975	Amended
July	1976	Amended
July 1,	1977	Amended
May 29,	1980	Amended
July 24,	1986	Annexation (Tabler)
Sept 30,	1986	Amended
May 28,	1987	Annexation (Stewart and Bennet)
June 24,	1988	Annexation (Railroad Park)
Feb 27,	1992	Annexation (WSSC - Parcel 360)
Nov 3,	1992	Amended (De-annexation & Section 15 (b))
Nov 21,	2005	Amended (Town Property, Section 68) Res. #2005-09
Jan. 31,	2007	Amended (Clerk-Treasurer Duties, Section 38 & 40) Resolution #2006-06
Jan. 31,	2007	Amended (Town Meeting & Election Dates (Sections 5, 30, 31, 42) Resolution #2006-05
Mar. 16,	2010	Amended Sections 30 & 32 Nominations & Elections Resolution #2010-02
Jan. 31,	2017	Resolution #2016-12 Section 57 Purchasing & Contracts Amended Budget, Taxation and Indebtedness
July 11,	2017	Amended Sections 32,38,39,40,46,49,51 Authorizing the Appointment of Clerk and a Treasurer as Two (2) Separate Offices or the Merging of the Offices into One (1)

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