



Resolution Number 2025-05
Introduced 04/14/25
Enacted 04/14/25
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Charter Resolution

To Amend the “Conduct of Elections”, Article 32 of the Town Charter, To Require the Town Council to Set the Hours for the Town Election on Election Day

WHEREAS, §4-301 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, authorizes the Mayor and Council to amend the Town Charter as it deems necessary to assure, among other things, the good government of the Town of Washington Grove; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council wish to facilitate attendance at the Annual Town Meeting by having flexibility to schedule the meeting on Election Day, and

WHEREAS, it is also desirable to conduct the Town Election prior to the Annual Town Meeting on Election Day in order to report the results at the meeting,

Section 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Washington Grove, Maryland that ARTICLE 32, “Conduct of Elections”, of the Town Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

32. Conduct of Elections

The Board must keep the polls open [~~from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.~~] for a period of three or more hours on election day [or for longer hours if the Council requires it] as scheduled and made public by the Council at least 21 days in advance. The Board must supply an absentee ballot

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Charter Resolution is adopted this day of and that the amendment to the Charter of the Town of Washington Grove, hereby proposed by this enactment, shall be and become effective upon the 50th day after its passage by the Council unless petitioned to referendum in accordance with §4-304 of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland within 40 days following its passage. A complete and exact copy of this Charter Resolution shall be posted in the Town offices located at 300 Grove Avenue, Washington Grove, Maryland 20880 for 40 days following its passage by the Mayor and Council and a fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town not less than four times, at weekly intervals, also within the 40-day period following its adoption by the Town.

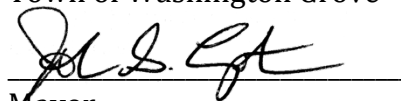
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Adopted at a public meeting assembled on this 14th day of April, 2025.

Town of Washington Grove



Mayor
John G. Compton

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Town Clerk

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