

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2011 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 10 -2011

Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION establishing a Charter Review Commission to review and make recommendations concerning the Howard County Charter; appointing certain persons to serve on the Commission; appointing a Chairperson; providing for the duties of the Commission including the duty to submit a final report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the ~~Redistricting~~ CHARTER REVIEW Commission.

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Introduced and read first time February 7, 2011

By order Stephen M. LeGendre  
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time and a public hearing on February 22, 2011

By order Stephen M. LeGendre  
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed  Withdrawn  by the County Council on March 7, 2011.

Certified by Stephen M. LeGendre  
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1           **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Charter requires the County Council of Howard  
2 County to establish a Charter Review Commission (“Commission”) every eight years; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, the Commission last convened in 2003; and

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6           **WHEREAS**, the Commission’s purpose shall be to ensure that the Charter is clear  
7 in meaning, addresses the needs of contemporary government, and remains a functional,  
8 working document that effectively outlines the framework for an efficient operation of  
9 county government; and

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11           **WHEREAS**, the Council has selected fifteen residents of Howard County to serve  
12 as members of the Commission, five of whom have been selected from a list of names  
13 submitted by the County Executive, and no more than ten of whom are of the same political  
14 party.

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16           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard  
17 County, Maryland this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 that there is hereby established a  
18 Charter Review Commission to review the Charter, to identify sections of the current  
19 Charter that need to be revised, and to recommend changes for consideration.

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21           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following persons are appointed to  
22 serve on the Commission:

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25 2625 Golf Island Road  
26 Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

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28 Cindy Ardinger  
29 2317 Old Maple Court  
30 Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

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2 10073 Windstream Drive, Apartment 3  
3 Columbia, Maryland 21044  
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6 4739 Columbia Road  
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**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Commission shall be Donna Richardson.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that members of the Commission shall receive reimbursement expenses incurred, in accordance with County policy.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall submit to the Council, on or before May 1, 2012, a comprehensive written report of its findings, recommendations and drafts of recommended revisions of the Charter.

1           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the term of the Commission shall not  
2 exceed 2 years.

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4           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall establish a  
5 schedule of public hearings to be held at various locations in the County.

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10          **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any vacancies on the Commission  
11 shall be filled by the Council.

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14 Charter revisions shall be approved by a majority of the Commission members before they  
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17          **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that minority reports of the Commission  
18 may also be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

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20          **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall adopt rules of  
21 procedure to accomplish its charges as set forth in this Resolution.

**Amendment 1**  
**Council Resolution No. 10 - 2011**

BY: The Chair

Legislative Day No. 3  
Date: March 7, 2011

**Amendment No. 1**

*(This amendment corrects a reference in the title.)*

- 1 On the title page, in the last line of the title, strike "Redistricting" and insert "CHARTER
- 2 REVIEW".
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ADOPTED: March 7, 2011  
FAILED \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE [Signature]

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