

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2024-10**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2024

Title of Resolution: Charter Amendment – Compensation – County Council

Synopsis: A Resolution amending Article 2, County Council, Section 207, Compensation of the Cecil County Charter to provide that the County Council shall receive as compensation \$35,000 per annum. To require submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Cecil County for their adoption or rejection, in accordance with Section 602 of the Charter of Cecil County.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Council

Introduced and ordered posted on: June 4, 2024

Public hearing scheduled on: July 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Scheduled for consideration on: July 16, 2024

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted on June 4, 2024 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on June 19, 2024 and June 26, 2024, a public hearing was held on July 2, 2024, and concluded on July 2, 2024.

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Council Manager

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~~Strike through~~ indicates language deleted from existing document
Underlining indicates language added to document by amendment.
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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter, the Charter
2 may be amended by the procedures provided in Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution; and

3 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, amendments to
4 any charter adopted by any County of this State under the provisions of this Article may be
5 proposed by a resolution of the Council of the County, or by a petition signed by not less than
6 20% of the registered voters of the City or County, provided, however, that in any case 10,000
7 signatures shall be sufficient to complete a petition; and

8 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., §7-103(a)(iii) and §7-103(c)(3)(i) of the Election
9 Law Article, the Attorney, designated to represent the county legislative body, shall prepare
10 and certify, and submit to the State Board of Election, not later than August 1, 2024, the
11 following information as required under §7-103(b) of the Election Law Article for each question
12 to be voted on in the County: (1) a question number or letter as by the Election Board; (2) a
13 brief designation of the type or source of the question; (3) a brief descriptive title in boldface
14 type; (4) a condensed statement of the purpose of the question; and (5) the voting choices that
15 the voter has; and

16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and
17 Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, the amendments shall be published by the
18 President of the County Council once a week for five successive weeks prior to the election in at
19 least one newspaper published in said County; and

20 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and
21 Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, an amendment so proposed shall be submitted to
22 the voters of the County at the next general or congressional election occurring after the
23 passage of the resolution; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and
25 Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, if at the election the majority of the votes cast for
26 the amendment shall be in favor thereof, the amendment shall be adopted and become a part
27 of the charter of the County from and after the thirtieth day after said election; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Article 2, County Council, Section 207, Compensation, of the Cecil
29 County Charter currently provides that:

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30 “Each Council member shall receive as compensation and allowances for the performance
31 of public duties under this Charter the sum of not less than \$25,000 per annum. A Council
32 member shall not accrue annual leave or be entitled to any payment in lieu thereof. The
33 compensation and allowances shall be in full compensation for all services performed by
34 members of the Council as required by this Charter, but shall not preclude reasonable and
35 necessary expenses as may be provided in the budget. The County Council shall establish
36 by ordinance a Compensation Review Commission every four years to review the Council's
37 compensation and allowances in accordance with the provisions of Article 25A, Subsection
38 5(AA), of the Annotated Code of Maryland”; and

39 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and
40 Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, this Resolution proposes the following
41 amendment to Article 2, County Council, Section 207, Compensation, of the Cecil County
42 Charter:

43 “Each Council member shall receive as compensation and allowances for the performance
44 of public duties under this Charter the sum of not less than \$25,000 per annum **AND**
45 **STARTING ON DECEMBER 04, 2028, \$35,000 PER A 12 MONTH PERIOD**. A Council member
46 shall not accrue annual leave or be entitled to any payment in lieu thereof. The
47 compensation and allowances shall be in full compensation for all services performed by
48 members of the Council as required by this Charter, but shall not preclude reasonable and
49 necessary expenses as may be provided in the budget. The County Council shall establish
50 by ordinance a Compensation Review Commission every four years to review the Council's
51 compensation and allowances in accordance with the provisions of Article 25A, Subsection
52 5(AA), of the Annotated Code of Maryland.”

53 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL**
54 **COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that the following amendment to Article 2, County Council, Section 207,
55 Compensation, of the Cecil County Charter, shall be submitted to the voters of the County at
56 the next general or congressional election in accordance with Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil
57 County Charter and Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution:

58 “Each Council member shall receive as compensation and allowances for the performance

59 of public duties under this Charter the sum of not less than \$25,000 per annum **AND**
60 **STARTING ON DECEMBER 04, 2028, \$35,000 PER A 12 MONTH PERIOD.** A Council member
61 shall not accrue annual leave or be entitled to any payment in lieu thereof. The
62 compensation and allowances shall be in full compensation for all services performed by
63 members of the Council as required by this Charter, but shall not preclude reasonable and
64 necessary expenses as may be provided in the budget. The County Council shall establish
65 by ordinance a Compensation Review Commission every four years to review the Council's
66 compensation and allowances in accordance with the provisions of Article 25A, Subsection
67 5(AA), of the Annotated Code of Maryland.”

68 **AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL**
69 **COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., §7-103(a)(iii) and §7-103(c)(3)(i)
70 of the Election Law Article, the Attorney, designated to represent the county legislative
71 body, shall prepare, certify, and submit to the State Board of Election, not later than
72 August 1, 2024, the following information as required under §7-103(b) of the Election Law
73 Article: (1) a question number or letter as by the Election Board; (2) a brief designation of
74 the type or source of the question; (3) a brief descriptive title in boldface type; (4) a
75 condensed statement of the purpose of the question; and (5) the voting choices that the
76 voter has.

77 **AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
78 **MARYLAND,** that pursuant to Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and Article XI-A,
79 §5 of the Maryland Constitution, the amendments shall be published by the President of the
80 County Council once a week for five successive weeks prior to the election in at least one
81 newspaper published in said County.

82 **AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
83 **MARYLAND,** that pursuant to Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and Article XI-A,
84 §5 of the Maryland Constitution, the aforementioned proposed amendment shall be submitted
85 to the voters of the County at the next general or congressional election occurring after the
86 passage of this Resolution.

87 **AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
88 **MARYLAND**, that in accordance with Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and
89 Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, if at the election the majority of the votes cast for
90 the aforementioned proposed amendment shall be in favor thereof, then the proposed
91 amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of Cecil County from and after
92 the thirtieth day after said election.

INTRODUCED: June 4, 2024

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager