

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(c)(3)(i) of the Election Law Article, the
9 County Attorney shall prepare and certify to the appropriate local board, not later than the
10 third Monday in August, the following information as required under §7-103(c) of the Election
11 Law Article for each question to be voted on in the County: (1) a question number or letter as
12 by the Election Board; (2) a brief designation of the type or source of the question; (3) a brief
13 descriptive title in boldface type; (4) a condensed statement of the purpose of the question;
14 and (5) the voting choices that the voter has; and

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

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

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

28 **WHEREAS**, Article 5, Budget and Finance, Section 507(b), Action on the Budget by
29 Council, of the Cecil County Charter currently provides that, "The adoption of the Budget shall

30 be by the affirmative vote of not less than three members of the Council in a law enacted not
31 later than May 31, which shall be known as the “Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance
32 of Cecil County”; and,

33 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and
34 Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, this Resolution proposes the following
35 amendment to Article 5, Budget and Finance, Section 507(b), Action on the Budget by Council,
36 of the Cecil County Charter: “The adoption of the Budget shall be by the affirmative vote of not
37 less than three members of the Council in a law enacted not later than the third Tuesday in
38 June, which shall be known as the “Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance of Cecil
39 County.” IF A BUDGET IS NOT APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL BY THE THIRD TUESDAY IN JUNE,
40 THEN THE BUDGET AS SUBMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE SHALL BECOME LAW.

41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the County Council of Cecil County that
42 the following amendment to Article 5, Budget and Finance, Section 507(b), Action on the
43 Budget by Council, of the Cecil County Charter, shall be submitted to the voters of the County at
44 the next general or congressional election in accordance with Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil
45 County Charter and Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution: “The adoption of the Budget
46 shall be by the affirmative vote of not less than three members of the Council in a law enacted
47 not later than the third Tuesday in June, which shall be known as the “Annual Budget and
48 Appropriations Ordinance of Cecil County.”;

49 **AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Cecil County that,
50 pursuant to Md. Code Ann., §7-103(c)(3)(i) of the Election Law Article, the County Attorney
51 shall prepare and certify to the appropriate local board, not later than the third Monday in
52 August, 2014, the following information as required under §7-103(c) of the Election Law Article:
53 (1) a question number or letter as by the Election Board; (2) a brief designation of the type or
54 source of the question; (3) a brief descriptive title in boldface type; (4) a condensed statement
55 of the purpose of the question; and (5) the voting choices that the voter has;

56 **AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Cecil County, that
57 pursuant to Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and Article XI-A, §5 of the
58 Maryland Constitution, the amendments shall be published by the President of the County

59 Council once a week for five successive weeks prior to the election in at least one newspaper
60 published in said County;

61 **AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Cecil County, that
62 pursuant to Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and Article XI-A, §5 of the
63 Maryland Constitution, the aforementioned proposed amendment shall be submitted to the
64 voters of the County at the next general or congressional election occurring after the passage of
65 this Resolution;

66 **AND BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Cecil County, that in
67 accordance with Article 6, Section 602 of the Cecil County Charter and Article XI-A, §5 of the
68 Maryland Constitution, if at the election the majority of the votes cast for and against the
69 aforementioned proposed amendment shall be in favor thereof, then the proposed
70 amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of Cecil County from and after
71 the thirtieth day after said election.

INTRODUCED: July 1, 2014

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager