

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Charter Amendment Resolution No. 19-CR-01

Date Introduced: February 11, 2019

Sponsored by: Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck and Councilman Timothy Lindecamp

Public Hearing: February 25, 2019

Amendments Adopted: None

Date Adopted: March 11, 2019

Date Effective: April 30, 2019

1 **A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION** concerning

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3 **Candidate Filing Period**

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5 **FOR** the purpose of altering the period of time within which individuals may file certificates
6 of candidacy for election to the offices of Mayor and Council member; and generally
7 relating to changes to election laws in the City of Aberdeen.

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9 **BY** repealing and re-enacting, with amendments
10 § VII. Elections and Board of Elections
11 Section VII.8
12 Charter of the City of Aberdeen (as published by General Code Corporation)

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW
((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to Resolution.
~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from Resolution by amendment or
deleted from the Charter by amendment.
* * * indicates existing unmodified text omitted from Resolution

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
14 **ABERDEEN** that Section VII.8 be of the Charter of the City of Aberdeen (as published by
15 General Code Corporation), § VII, Elections and Board of Elections, is repealed and re-enacted,
16 with amendments, to read as follows:
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1 **§ VII. Elections and Board of Elections.**
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3 **8.** Any candidate for the office of Council member or Mayor must file ((at least 35 days prior to
4 and no earlier than 65 days prior to the date of the election)) a certificate of candidacy on a
5 form provided by the Board. THE PERIOD TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY
6 COMMENCES THE DAY AFTER LABOR DAY AND ENDS NINE BUSINESS DAYS
7 LATER. THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FORM MUST CONTAIN ((containing))
8 the following:
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- 10 **a.** The applicant's mailing address and the address of the applicant's domicile.
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12 **b.** The applicant's date of birth.
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14 **c.** The dates and places of residence within the corporate limits of the City of Aberdeen by
15 the applicant.
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17 **d.** The certificate of candidacy shall be signed by the candidate under penalties of perjury
18 and shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable filing fee of \$25 payable to City of
19 Aberdeen.
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21 **e.** A candidate who has filed may withdraw his or her certificate of candidacy after filing by
22 delivering to the Aberdeen Board of Elections, at least 30 days prior to the date of the
23 election, written notification of withdrawal signed by the candidate.
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25 **f.** Each candidate shall complete the financial disclosure form as required by Chapter 43 of
26 the Aberdeen City Code. This financial disclosure form shall be considered a part of the
27 certificate of candidacy and no candidate may be considered eligible for placement on the
28 ballot until this disclosure form is timely and satisfactorily completed and approved by
29 the Ethics Commission.
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31 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**
32 **CITY OF ABERDEEN** that the date of adoption of this Resolution is March 11, 2019, and the
33 amendment of the Charter of the City of Aberdeen hereby enacted shall become effective on
34 April 30, 2019, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law,
35 provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the
36 bulletin board in Aberdeen City Hall until April 20, 2019, and provided further that a copy of the
37 title of this Resolution shall be published in The Record, a newspaper of general circulation in
38 the City of Aberdeen, or in any other newspaper of such general circulation, once in each of the
39 weeks beginning March 15, March 22, March 29, and April 5, 2019.
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41 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**
42 **CITY OF ABERDEEN** that the City Clerk is hereby specifically commanded to carry out the
43 provisions of Section 2, hereof, and, as evidence of such compliance, the City Clerk shall cause
44 to be maintained appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper or newspapers in which
45 the title of the Resolution shall have been published. If a favorable referendum is held on the

1 Charter change, the Mayor shall proclaim the Charter change hereby enacted to have been
2 approved by the voters and the charter amendment shall become effective on the date provided
3 by law.
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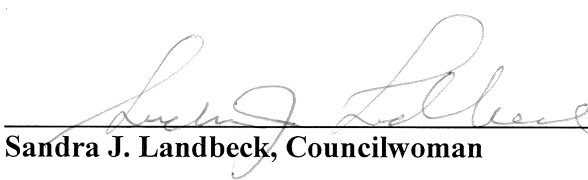
5 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**
6 **CITY OF ABERDEEN** that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become
7 effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the City Clerk shall send by mail
8 to the Department of Legislative Services of Maryland, a clear certified copy of this Resolution
9 showing the number of Councilpersons voting for and against it and a report on the votes cast for
10 or against the amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of such
11 referendum.
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13 The above Charter Amendment was enacted by the foregoing Resolution which was
14 passed at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Aberdeen on March 11, 2019, 5
15 members of the Council voting in the affirmative, 0 members of the Council voting in the
16 negative, 0 members of the Council abstaining, and 0 members of the Council absent, and
17 the said Resolution becomes effective accordance with the law on the thirtieth day of April,
18 2019.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN



Patrick L. McGrady, Mayor

Steven E. Goodin, Councilman

Sandra J. Landbeck, Councilwoman

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ATTEST:

SEAL:



Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date March 11, 2019