

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Charter Amendment Resolution No. 21-CR-01

Date Introduced: April 12, 2021

Sponsored by: Councilman Adam M. Hiob and Councilman Timothy W. Lindecamp

Public Hearing: April 26, 2021

Amendments Adopted: None

Date Adopted: May 10, 2021

Date Effective: June 29, 2021

1 **A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION** concerning

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3 **Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department**
4 **Real Property Tax Credit Repeal and Relocation to Code**

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6 **FOR** the purpose of removing the Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department real property tax
7 credit from the City Charter.

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9 **BY** repealing
10 § VIII. Finance and taxation.
11 Section VIII.11
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 VIII.11. of the Charter of the City of Aberdeen (as published by
15 General Code Corporation), § VIII, Finance and Taxation, is repealed as follows:

§ VIII. Finance and taxation.

((11. Real property that is the primary residence of each bona fide member of the Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., including bona fide life members, and the surviving spouses of bona fide life members, shall be exempt from taxation for City purposes to the extent of \$45,000 assessed value.

a. Determination as to whether or not a member of the Fire Department is a bona fide active member shall be made by the President and Board of Directors of the Fire Department with the Council reserving the right to make any final determination as to eligibility.

b. Bona fide life members of the Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., shall be designated by the Department.))

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN that the date of adoption of this Resolution is **May 10, 2021**, and the amendment of the Charter of the City of Aberdeen hereby enacted shall become effective on **June 29, 2021**, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law, provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the bulletin board in Aberdeen City Hall until **June 19, 2021**, and provided further that a copy of the title of this Resolution shall be published in The Aegis, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Aberdeen, or in any other newspaper of such general circulation, once in each of the weeks beginning **May 14, 2021, May 21, 2021 May 28, 2021, and June 4, 2021**.


SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN that the City Clerk is hereby specifically commanded to carry out the provisions of Section 2, hereof, and, as evidence of such compliance, the City Clerk shall cause to be maintained appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper or newspapers in which the title of the Resolution shall have been published. If a favorable referendum is held on the Charter change, the Mayor shall proclaim the Charter change hereby enacted to have been approved by the voters and the charter amendment shall become effective on the date provided by law.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the City Clerk shall send by mail to the Department of Legislative Services of Maryland, a clear certified copy of this Resolution showing the number of Councilpersons voting for and against it and a report on the votes cast for or against the amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of such referendum.

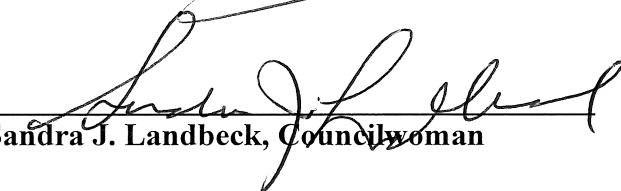
The above Charter Amendment was enacted by the foregoing Resolution which was passed at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Aberdeen on **May 10, 2021, 3 (three)** members of the Council voting in the affirmative, **1 (one)** member of the Council voting in the negative, **1 (one)** member of the Council abstaining, and **0 (zero)** members of the Council absent, and the said Resolution becomes effective accordance with the law on the **29th** day of **June, 2021**.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN



Patrick L. McGrady, Mayor

Adam M. Hiob, Councilman

Jason W. Kolligs, Councilman

Sandra J. Landbeck, Councilwoman

Timothy W. Lindecamp, Councilman

ATTEST:

SEAL:



Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date

May 10, 2021