

and any ordinance proposed by petition or which shall be adopted by a vote of the people cannot be repealed or amended except by a vote of the people. Any number of proposed ordinances may be voted upon at the same election, but there shall not be more than one special election in any period of six months for such purposes. The Council may submit a proposition to repeal or amend any such ordinances, to be voted upon at any succeeding general town election, and should such proposition be submitted receive a majority of the votes cast thereon, such ordinance shall thereby be repealed or amended accordingly. Whenever any ordinance or proposition is required by this charter to be submitted to the voters at any election, the town clerk shall cause its publication in newspapers published or circulated in the town not more than twenty or less than five days before submission to the voters.

SEC. 21. *And be it further enacted*, That no ordinance passed by the Council, except when otherwise required by the general laws of the State, or by the provisions of this charter, except an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, which contains a statement of its urgency, and is passed by a four-fifths vote of the entire Council, shall go into effect before ten days from the date of its final passage; and if during said ten days a petition signed by town electors equal in number to at least 25 per centum of the entire vote cast for all candidates for Mayor at the last preceding general town election, protesting against the passage of such ordinance, be presented to the Council, the same shall thereupon be suspended from going into operation, and it shall be the duty of the Council to reconsider such ordinance; and if the same is not entirely repealed, the Council shall submit the ordinance as is provided by sub-section (b) of Section 22 of this charter, and such ordinance shall not become operative unless a majority of the qualified electors voting on the same shall vote in favor thereof. Amendments to this charter, except such as affect the power of the Mayor and Common Council to levy taxes sufficient to meet the town necessities, and subject to the constitution and general laws of the State and the public local laws of Prince George's County, other than this Act, shall, upon a petition signed by town electors equal in number to at least twenty-five per centum of the entire vote cast for all candidates for Mayor