

26. (*Cost of Referendum.*) *The expenses of the referendum election shall be defrayed by the Board of County Commissioners or County Council, but if the referendum vote results in incorporation, the municipal corporation shall repay the total amount of such expenses to the Board or Council, within one year following the effective date of the incorporation.*

27. (*Registration of Charter.*) *At the time of making public proclamation as to the vote on the question of incorporation, under the proposed charter, the Board of County Commissioners or County Council shall send separately BY REGISTERED MAIL to the Secretary of State of Maryland and to the Department of Legislative Reference the following information concerning the charter ~~or proposed charter~~ ADOPTED BY the municipal corporation: (1) the complete text thereof, (2) the date of the referendum election, (3) the number of votes cast for and against the question of incorporation, under the ~~proposed charter,~~ (4) ~~whether the question was adopted or rejected,~~ and (5) ~~AND~~ (4) the effective date of the ~~proposed charter,~~ if ~~adopted~~. Provided, however, that the text of the charter need not be so submitted to the Secretary of State and the Department of Legislative Reference if the municipal corporation is to be governed under and according to the municipal charter contained in Article 23B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Municipal Corporation Charter". In such latter event the fact shall be stated to the Secretary of State and the Department of Legislative Reference.*

28. (*Codification of Charter.*) *The exact text of the charter of the municipal corporation, adopted under the provisions of this subtitle and as amended from time to time, shall thereafter be included in any edition or codification of the charter of the municipal corporation. Provided, however, that the charter shall not be included in any Code of Public Local Laws for the county or for the State if the municipal corporation is being governed under and according to the municipal charter contained in Article 23B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Municipal Corporation Charter".*

29. (*Town Officers.*) (a) *Town officers shall be nominated by a certificate of nomination filed by each candidate, with the Board of County Commissioners or County Council, giving in each instance the name and residence address of the candidate, together with a statement of the particular office to which he aspires. Thereupon, the Board or Council, together with the Board of Supervisors of Elections for the county, shall prepare ballots or the voting machines so as to permit the registered voters of the particular area to vote upon the several candidates who are so nominated. The election of officers for the municipal corporation shall be arranged for and conducted at the same time and at the same place or places as the referendum election on the question of incorporation, and subject generally to the same procedures and practices. A vote cast against the proposed incorporation of the municipal corporation shall not be held to bar the voter from expressing his choices among the nominees for the several offices, and if less than a majority of those who vote on the question of incorporation cast their votes in favor thereof, the votes cast for election to the several offices shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever.*