

Resolution of August 11, 1969

Resolution of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article 11-E of the Constitution of the State of Maryland (1966 Edition), title "Corporation—Municipal," to repeal Section 25 and Section 26 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis (1960 Edition) and enact new sections thereof to be designated as Section 25 and Section 26 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis. (Subject Matter—POLICE DEPARTMENT—relating to appointment of policemen and the control of the police department by the Police Commissioner and matters relating generally.)

SECTION I. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis that Section 25 and Section 26 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis be, and the same are hereby repealed in their entirety and in lieu thereof Section 25 and Section 26 shall be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 25. Appointment of members of police department.

All applications for appointment as a member of the police force in the City of Annapolis shall be filed with the said Police Commissioner, and it shall be the duty of the Police Commissioner to make out a list of all applicants for the positions in said department, grading them according to the examination in which he shall test, the moral, mental, physical and educational qualifications and from the eligible list, the said Police Commissioner shall choose such person or persons having the highest rating for the said vacancy or appointment, and in this manner and no other shall appointments be made for the position of police officer in said city.

Sec. 26. Control over police department; promotions, reductions in rank and dismissals; political affiliations or religious beliefs.

The Police Commissioner shall have and exercise full control and dominion over the police of said city, having the power to make such rules and regulations governing them as he, from time to time may prescribe, and to remove, reprimand, or suspend any person guilty of any infraction or other violation of such rules or regulations, and he shall have the power to promote, reduce in rank, or dismiss any police officer, provided that in case of dismissal or any case which in his judgment warrants dismissal, the charges and specifications in writing shall be drawn and served on the police officer at least five days before trial, and reserving to the said police officer the right to be represented by counsel or attorney at the said trial or hearing, and if in the judgment of the said commissioner, the case warrants a dismissal, he shall dismiss said officer. The said commissioner shall not appoint, promote, reduce in rank, or remove any police officer from the said service for any political affiliations or because of any religious belief or for any other cause other than the fitness or unfitness of such person for the position which he occupies, both morally and physically.

SECTION II. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis that the date of adoption of this Resolution, is 11th day of August, 1969, and the Amendment of the Charter of the City of Annapolis hereby enacted shall become effective on October 1, 1969, unless a proper petition for a 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 the City Hall, until September 21, 1969, and provided further that a copy of the title of this