

5-72A of Subtitle 5 of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland 1963 Edition, as amended), which Article contains in whole or in part the Charter of the City of Bowie, to empower the City to grant franchises for a stated period of time subject to the limitations and provisions of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND:

*Section 1.* That the Charter of said municipal corporation be and the same is hereby amended by enacting new Section 72A to read as follows:

*72A. (Franchises.)* *The City shall have the power to grant and regulate franchises to water companies, electric light companies, gas companies, telegraph and telephone companies, transit companies, and any others which may be deemed advantageous and beneficial to the City, subject to the limitations and provisions of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. No franchise shall be granted for a period of longer than fifty (50) years.*

*Section 2.* That the date of the adoption of this Resolution is December 15, 1969, and that the Amendment to the Charter of the City of Bowie, hereby proposed by this enactment, shall be and become effective on February 3, 1970, unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be filed by January 24, 1970, as permitted by law. A complete and exact copy of the Resolution shall be posted in the City Municipal Building until January 24, 1970 and a fair summary of the Amendment shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times at weekly intervals by February 3, 1970.

*Section 3.* That as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the Bowie City Manager 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 Amendment; (1) the complete text of this Resolution; (2) the date of the referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (3) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Council of the City of Bowie or in a referendum; and (4) the effective date of the Charter Amendment.

*Section 4.* That the Manager of the City of Bowie be, and he is specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 as evidence of compliance herewith; the said Manager shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting (1) an appropriate certificate of publication of the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Amendment shall have been published; and (2) return receipts of the mailing referred to in Section 3, and shall further complete and execute the Certificate of Effect attached hereto.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on December 15, 1969.

Leo E. Green, Mayor

ATTEST:

Edith Maylack, City Clerk