

## "PROCEDURE"

"All elections to fill the office of Mayor and Councilman shall be on non-partisan basis, shall be by ballot, and shall be held on the first Monday in May of every year. No person shall be allowed to vote in any election in said Town except those persons whose names shall appear upon the register of voters. The Board of Elections shall appoint prior to May, 1954, and annually thereafter one judge and one clerk, who shall themselves be registered voters, to conduct the election in such place as may be designated by the Mayor and Council. The polls shall be open from the hour of [seven o'clock a.m.] *nine o'clock a.m.* to the hours of nine o'clock p.m., when they shall be closed, and no ballots shall be deposited in the ballot box after that time. The said judge and clerk shall conduct such elections, canvass the ballots and certify the results in the manner prescribed by the General Election Laws of this State for State and County elections, except that said judge and clerk shall within twenty-four hours after each election, deliver into the hands of the Mayor one certificate or return of the result of the canvass of the ballots as cast in the election, together with the tally sheet, and shall deliver another certificate or return of the result of said canvass, together with the other tally sheet into the hands of the Mayor Pro Tem, and shall deliver the ballot box containing the ballots, properly sealed, to the Administrative Officer in person, who shall retain the same for six months. The returns shall be received by the Mayor and Council at their first meeting succeeding the election, and they shall determine all cases arising thereunder, except as otherwise may be provided, and any voter who feels he has been aggrieved by any ruling as to the eligibility of his right to vote may file an appeal to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, and the same shall be determined by said Court."

INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST READING ON NOVEMBER 19, 1969.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON December 17, 1969.

John F. King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Earl C. Klinger, Administrative Officer

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Charter Amendment No. 70-4

NOMINATING PETITION

*Whereas* the City Charter presently provides that nominating petitions for elective officers of the City be filed no later than fifteen days prior to the election and this time is felt to be inadequate for the public to be made aware of the issues and the candidates and

*Whereas* the Board of Elections has recommended to the Mayor and City Council that the file date for these petitions be set at no later than noon of the 30th day preceding the election and

*Whereas* the Mayor and City Council now proposes to amend the City Charter in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Elections,