

Public Local Laws of Maryland) to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 48-4(e) thereof to remove the words "general in nature and permanent in effect" following the word "ordinance" in the first sentence so as to provide that no ordinance shall be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced; to provide for a requirement of a public hearing prior to action on a proposed ordinance if two or more members of the Council so request; to provide, when required, procedures by which public notice shall be given of such public hearing; to authorize the Mayor and Council to establish procedures for the conduct of such public hearings; to establish a procedure by which the provision that an ordinance may not be passed at a meeting at which it was introduced may be suspended; and to provide that all ordinances passed by the Council shall become effective immediately unless otherwise specified.

*Section 1.* BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and Council of Rockville that the Charter of said municipal corporation as set forth in Sections 48-1 to 48-95, inclusive, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Montgomery County (1965 Edition, as amended, being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, under Section 48-4(e) to read as follows:

"Section 48-4.

(e) No ordinance [general in nature and permanent in effect] shall be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced. *If, at the meeting at which an ordinance is introduced, two or more members of the council so request, a public hearing shall be required as herein provided prior to action thereon. Public hearings on ordinances shall be held by the Mayor and Council, when required, only after first having given public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Rockville once a week for two successive weeks, the last such notice to appear at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing. Such public notice shall generally summarize the contents of the proposed ordinance, and shall specify the time and place of the public hearing to be held thereon. Such public hearing shall be conducted by the Mayor and Council, when required, under such procedures as it shall, in its discretion, establish. After the ordinance is introduced, it shall lay over for at least one week, after which it may be brought up for discussion, amendment or final action [; provided, however, that its title shall have been included on the published agenda for the meetings at which final action takes place and provided further that all other requirements of law for published notice or hearing shall have been complied with. Such], except in the case of an ordinance for which a public hearing is required, in which case it may not be brought up until after the required public hearing. The published agenda for the meeting at which final action takes place on any ordinance shall contain the descriptive title of the ordinance, and such descriptive titles shall be published and permanently filed by the city clerk and shall be kept available for public inspection. The provision that an ordinance may not be passed at the meeting at which it was introduced and the provision for inclusion of the descriptive title of the ordinance on the published agenda for the meeting of the Mayor and Council may be suspended by the affirmative vote of four members of the council. All ordinances passed by the council shall become effective immediately unless otherwise specified."*

*Section 2.* BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of the adoption of this Resolution is October 5, 1970, and that the amendment to the Charter of The Mayor and Council of Rockville hereby proposed by this