

2. Return receipts of the mailing referred to in Section 3, and shall further complete and execute the Certificate of Effect attached hereto.

PASSED this 9th day of March, 1971.

William R. Reading, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Miriam P. Wolff, City Clerk

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**Resolution No. 71-R-5**

*TITLE*

A Resolution to amend the Charter of the City of College Park, Maryland, by adding to Article VIII, Section 22 a subsection D, providing for the placing to automatic and binding referendum certain actions of the Mayor and Council and establishing limits upon the time for such referendum to be set.

*TEXT*

WHEREAS, it is the duly considered opinion of the Mayor and Council that there are certain specific issues which should be automatically subject to a referendum vote by the citizens of the City and that among these are, specifically, real estate tax rates and the approval of General Fund bond issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, that Subsection D be added to Article VIII, Section 22 of the Charter of the City of College Park, Maryland, and that the said subsection read as follows:

*Subsection D. Automatic Referendum. When the Mayor and Council shall find from its determinations that it is necessary to increase the tax rate or issue general fund bonds, except as otherwise authorized in this Charter, then such issue or tax increase shall be placed to referendum as then prescribed and the results of said referendum shall be binding on said Mayor and Council as provided by law. The Mayor and Council may set the time and places of said referendum in the usual manner, except that in no case shall a referendum be delayed beyond the next general election in the City. In addition, the Mayor and Council may elect, in their discretion, to place other items to automatic and binding referendum by a majority vote of said Council. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit or limit the normal petition procedure provided the citizens of the City.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of the adoption of this Resolution is March 9, 1971, and that the Amendment to the Charter of the City of College Park hereby proposed by this enactment shall be and become effective on the 28th day of April, 1971, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law. A complete and exact copy of the Resolution shall be posted in the City Office until the 18th day of April, 1971, and a copy of the title of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of College Park not less than four (4) times at weekly intervals before the 18th day of April, 1971.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted becomes effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the Mayor of the City of College Park shall send separately, by registered mail, to the Secretary of the State of Maryland, and to the