

Introduced:

Date Monday, May 1, 1972

Approved:

Date Monday, May 1, 1972

THE COMMISSIONERS OF ABERDEEN
By /s/ Alphonse B. DeMarco, President

/s/ Peter B. Nelson, Town Manager

ANNAPOLIS

(Anne Arundel County)

SECTION 26 - OF THE CITY CHARTER

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 and Article 23-A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), titled "Corporations-Municipal", to amend Section 26 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis for the purpose of providing for probationary status for the first eighteen (18) months of service with the Police Department and providing that during said eighteen (18) months probationary period the said officer may be dismissed without a hearing by the Police Commissioner, and all matters relating generally.

SECTION I. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS that Section 26 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26. Control over police department; promotions, reductions in rank and dismissals; political affiliations and religious beliefs of members;
PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICERS.**

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, **EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A PROBATIONARY OFFICER, DEFINED HEREIN**, 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