

WHEREAS the Charter of the City of New Carrollton does not presently contain any express provisions relating to absentee voting or to write-in candidacies, and

WHEREAS the City Council of New Carrollton desires to provide procedures to permit absentee voting and write-in candidacies, and in general to specify procedures and regulations governing any aspects of municipal elections which may be necessary to insure the orderly conduct of municipal elections.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the City Council of New Carrollton that Section 7a of the Charter of the City of New Carrollton, entitled "Elections," subtitle "Conduct and Procedure," be amended as follows:

#### Section 7. Elections

a. Conduct and Procedure. All elections to fill the office of Mayor and/or Councilman shall be on a non-partisan basis, shall be by secret ballot, and shall be held on the first Monday in May of every year. **THE CITY COUNCIL MAY ADOPT BY ORDINANCE ANY PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHARTER AND WITH THE ELECTION LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO PROVISIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDACIES.** No person shall be allowed to vote in any City election except those persons whose names shall appear upon the City voter registration list. The Board of Elections shall appoint as many judges and clerks, who shall themselves be registered voters of the City, as may be required to conduct the election in such place as may be designated by the Mayor. The polls shall be open from the hour of nine o'clock a.m. to the hour of nine o'clock p.m., when they shall be closed, and no ballots shall be cast after that time. The Board of Elections 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 the Board of Elections 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. When paper ballots are used, the Board of Elections 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 results of the elections shall be received by the Council from the Mayor at the first regular meeting of the Council following the election. The Council shall determine all cases arising from the results of the elections, 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. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all annual general elections, and to any special election conducted as provided elsewhere in this Charter.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW CARROLLTON THIS TWENTIETH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1972.**

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Chairman of the Council