

"REFERENDUM" of the Municipal Charter of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland by eliminating from said section of said charter the matter hereinafter enclosed in double parentheses, and by adding to said section of said charter new matter hereinafter underscored as follows:

"178C. REFERENDUM. If, before the expiration of [sixty] TWENTY calendar days following approval of any ordinance by the Mayor or passage of any ordinance over the Mayor's veto, a petition is filed with the Clerk-Treasurer containing the signatures of not less than twenty per centum (20%) of the qualified voters of the town and requesting that the ordinance, or any part thereof, be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the town for their approval or disapproval, the Council shall have the ordinance, or the part thereof requested for referendum, submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the town at the next regular town election or, in the Council's discretion, at a special election occurring before the next regular election. No ordinance, or the part thereof requested for referendum, shall become effective following the receipt of such petition until and unless approved at the election by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question. An ordinance, or the part thereof requested for referendum, shall continue in effect for sixty days following receipt of such petition. If the question of approval or disapproval of any ordinance, or any part thereof, has not been submitted to the qualified voters within sixty days following receipt of the petition, then the operation of the ordinance, or the part thereof requested for referendum, shall be suspended until approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question at any election. Any ordinance, or part thereof, disapproved by the voters, shall stand repealed. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any ordinance, or part thereof, passed under the authority of the municipality levying property taxes for the payment of indebtedness, but the provisions of this section shall apply to any ordinance or part thereof levying special assessment charges under this charter. The provisions of this section shall be self-executing but the Council may adopt ordinances in furtherance of these provisions, and not in conflict with them."

The Section 178C so amended shall read as follows:

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