reenacted to read as follows:

Such Commission shall, as often Commission shall deem necessary, under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe, hold examinations the purpose of determining the qualifications applicants for positions, including applicants positions of Chief of Police, [Assistant Chief of Police] Lieutenants of Police and Chief of the Fire Department and Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, which examinations shall be practical in their character and shall relate to such matters as will fairly test the fitness of the person examined to discharge the duties of the position to which he seeks to be appointed. Such Commission shall, as soon as possible after each such examination, certify to the Appointing Authority the name (10) persons for each department, who, according its records, have the highest standing for the positions they seek to fill, as a result of such examinations and all vacancies, in positions under Civil Service which shall occur before the holding of the next examination, shall be filled from said list so certified; provided, however, if the list for any cause shall be reduced to less than three (3) for any division or department, then the Commissioner of said department may temporarily fill a vacancy until the next examination of the Commission. The employees of the Police and Fire Departments so appointed, shall only hold office by virtue of such appointments until Civil Service lists can be made up by the Civil Service Commission as provided by this section. The present officers and employees of the Police and Fire Department heretofore appointed under the Civil Service regulations, shall hold their positions unless removed or disqualified under the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the date of the passage of this Resolution is March 6, 1973, and the amendment to the Charter of the City of Cumberland hereby enacted shall become effective on April 25, 1973, unless a proper Petition for a Referendum hereon shall be filed as provided by Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the North Centre Street entrance of the City Hall, Cumberland, Maryland, until April 15, 1973, and provided further that a fair summary of the proposed amendment shall be published in the Cumberland Evening Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cumberland, once in each of the weeks of March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 1973.