

Charter Amendment Res. No.: 4-22  
Introduced: November 7, 2022  
Adopted: December 5, 2022  
Effective Date: January 24, 2023

## TOWN OF SOMERSET

### A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 83-26 OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOMERSET

This Resolution of the Council of the Town of Somerset (the “Council”) is adopted pursuant to the Constitution of Maryland, Article XI-E, the Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 4-301, *et seq.*, and the Charter of the Town of Somerset (the “Charter”), to amend Section 83-26 of the Charter to provide that if a resident is registered to vote with the Montgomery County Board of Election, they shall be deemed registered for elections in the Town so long as the resident remains qualified to vote; to provide that voters may be removed from the list if not qualified to vote; and to provide that the removal of voters from the registration list shall comply with the applicable procedures set forth in State law.

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, that Section 83-26 be amended to read as follows:

#### **Section 83-26. Registration of voters**

Any person who meets the qualifications to vote as set forth in this Charter may register at the town office [prior to fourteen (14) days before an election] during normal business hours. There shall also be voter registration by mail [prior to fourteen (14) days before an election]. To be effective, registration by mail must be received and processed before the time of an election. A resident of the town registered to vote with the Montgomery County Board of Elections shall be deemed registered for elections in the town so long as the resident remains qualified to vote in accordance with Section 83-21 of this Charter. Registration shall be permanent so long as the resident remains qualified to vote in accordance with Section 83-21 of this Charter, and no person shall be entitled to vote in town elections unless he is registered. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of elections to keep the registration list up to date by striking from the lists persons [known to have died or to have moved out of the town] not qualified to vote. The removal of voters from the registration list shall comply with the applicable procedures set forth in State law. The council is hereby authorized and directed to adopt and enforce any rules and regulations necessary to establish and maintain a system of permanent registration and to provide for a reregistration when necessary.

NOTE: Underlining indicates language added to the Charter

**[Boldface Brackets]** denote language deleted from the Charter

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the date of the adoption of this Resolution is December 5, 2022, following its introduction on November 7, 2022 (at least twenty-one (21) days prior to adoption) and that the amendment to the Town Charter hereby proposed by this enactment shall be and become effective on January 24, 2023 (fifty (50) days from adoption), unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law on or before January 14, 2023 (forty (40) days from adoption).

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be posted at 4510 Cumberland Ave, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 for at least forty (40) days following adoption and a fair summary of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Somerset not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals, within a period of at least forty (40) days starting immediately after the date of adoption.

Section 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as soon as the amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the Mayor shall send, by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to the Department of Legislative Services, the following information concerning the amendment: (i) the complete text of the amendment as hereby enacted; (ii) the date of the referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (iii) the number of votes cast for and against the question concerning the amendment, whether by the Town Council or in a referendum; and (iv) the effective date of the amendment.

Section 5. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Mayor be and is hereby specifically instructed to carry out the provisions of Sections 3 and 4. As evidence of compliance herewith, the said Mayor shall cause to be placed in the Town files the following information concerning the amendment: (i) appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper in which a fair summary of this Resolution shall have been published; and (ii) the return receipts of the mailing referred to in Section 4, and shall further complete and execute the Certificate of Effect attached hereto.

*Stephen Surko*  
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Stephen Surko, President

*Robin Barr*  
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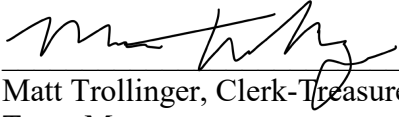
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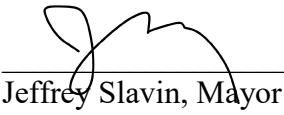
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ATTEST:



Matt Trollinger, Clerk-Treasurer  
Town Manager

Approved:



Jeffrey Slavin, Mayor  
Town of Somerset

Date: 12/5/2022