

Council Meeting Actions

The following actions were taken by the Somerset Town Council at its monthly meeting, held October 3, 2022.

- **Approved the annual Halloween block party** and closure of Cumberland Avenue between Warwick Place and Devon Lane on Monday, October 31 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- **Approved a Proclamation declaring November Municipal Government Works Month**
- **Approved a six-month permit extension**, submitted by **Miriam Rosenthal**, for permit 2021-10-6-A-REV with original permit expiration date of October 6, 2022, for the completion of construction of an addition to the home at 5522 Greystone Street per the original permit
- **Approved the following Fall Tree Planting List**, as recommended by the Town Arborist and Parks and Natural Resources Committee:
 - 4507 Dorset Avenue – American Beech
 - 4516 Dorset Avenue – Willow Oak
 - 4722 Dorset Avenue – American Beech
 - 4807 Dorset Avenue – Serviceberry (6)
 - 4823 Dorset Avenue – Redbud (4)
 - 4721 Essex Avenue – White Fingertree (4)
 - 4809 Falstone Avenue – Spanish Oak
 - 4909 Falstone Avenue – Serviceberry
 - 4800 Grantham Avenue – White Oak
 - 4809 Grantham Avenue – Black Gum
 - 5501 Surrey Street – White Fingertree
 - 5604 Warwick Place – Redbud
 - 5615 Warwick Place – Willow Oak
- **Passed a motion to hold a non-binding town-wide referendum** on whether to lower the voting age in the Town of Somerset to 16
- **Introduced an amendment to Section 83-21 of the Charter** to lower the voting age in the Town of Somerset to 16
- **Introduced Resolution No. 9-22-1**, to amend the Town's Election Rules and Regulations, as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections
- **Adopted the amended Town Hall Rental Rules**
- **Introduced an amendment to Section 83-21 of the Charter** to add a definition of "resided", as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections
- **Introduced an amendment to 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, as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections;
- **Introduced an amendment to Section 83-28 of the Charter** to advance the nomination meeting from 4 weeks to 8 weeks prior to the election, and the nomination petition deadline from 21 days before the election to 10 days after the nomination meeting, to allow more time to prepare ballots and administer the election, as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections
- **Introduced an amendment to Section 83-35 of the Charter** to allow uncontested elections to be canceled, as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections
- **Introduced an amendment to Section 83-30 of the Charter** to allow elections by mail and other means, and to remove the requirement for incapacitation or absence for absentee voting, as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections
- **Introduced Ordinance 9-22-1**, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances to amend and clarify existing provisions; to require a wall check survey; to require a maintenance agreement for stormwater drainage systems; and to specify what must accompany a variance application.
- **Introduced Ordinance 9-22-2**, an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to amend and clarify stormwater drainage requirements; to revise the definitions of one-year storm event; to require on-site infiltration rather than storage; and to exempt driveways having a slope of 5% or more from the permeable material requirement
- **Introduced Ordinance 9-22-3**, an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to amend and clarify stormwater drainage requirements; add definitions; require environmental site design be used before structural practices; and require a drainage plan for construction creating 150 square feet or more of impervious coverage