

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF TRAPPE TO AMEND THE TOWN CHARTER TO ADD SECTION 422 TITLED "CANCELLATION OF ELECTION WHERE SEAT IS UNCONTESTED" TO AUTHORIZE THE TRAPPE ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK TO CANCEL THE ELECTION WHERE THE SEAT IS UNCONTESTED

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann. Local Government Article § 4-304 confers upon the Council of Trappe the authority to initiate proposed amendments the Charter for the Town of Trappe; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trappe, under the grant of general authority and express powers, may regulate its own election; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Trappe is concerned with the cost of holding an uncontested election or special election; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Trappe believes it is not necessary to pay for the expense of holding an uncontested election where the Council seat is uncontested; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Trappe has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to amend the Charter for the Town of Trappe to add Section 422 to permit the Town to cancel an election when a seat is uncontested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF TRAPPE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Trappe Town Charter is hereby amended to include a new Section 422 as follows:

Section 422. Cancellation of Election Where Seat is Uncontested

In the event that the seat for Council is uncontested and the time period for filing a certificate of nomination has expired to file as either an official candidate or as a write-in candidate, then the Town Administrator/Clerk may cancel the election. If the election is canceled, the candidate running for the uncontested seat shall be declared elected and shall be sworn in as Councilmen.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be posted and published in accordance with the requirements set forth in Md. Code Ann. Local Government Article § 4-304.

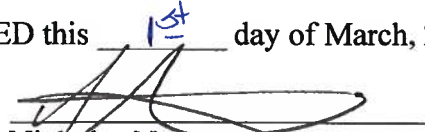
Section 3: The Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on this Resolution on March 1, 2023 at 5:55 p.m.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective 50 days after final enactment unless a petition for referendum has been filed prior thereto in accordance with Section 4-304 of the Local

Government Article of the Code of Maryland. This Resolution shall be deemed "finally enacted" on the date on which the Council of Trappe indicate their approval of this Resolution by affixing their signatures hereto.

Section 5: As soon as this Resolution becomes effective, the Town Clerk shall cause to be delivered to the Department of Legislative Reference all the information regarding the Charter Amendment, this Resolution, and any referendum held thereon as may be required by the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

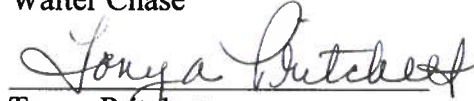
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this 1st day of March, 2023.



Nicholas Newnam

absent

Walter Chase



Tonya Pritchett




Brian Schmidt



Michael Sullivan

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by a ye and nay vote of the Council of Trappe on the 1st day of March, 2023.

Attest: 
Erin Braband, Administrator/Clerk
Town of Trappe