

1 City of Glenarden, Maryland
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5 Charter Resolution #: CR-03-2018
6 Sponsor: Celestine Wilson, Councilwoman
7 Co-Sponsor:
8 Session: Regular Session
9 Date of Introduction: December 11, 2017

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14 **A CHARTER RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE VII “REGISTRATION,**
15 **NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES” SECTION 702 “VOTERS” TO**
16 **AMEND MINIMUM AGE PROVISION UNDER WHICH A VOTER IS ALLOWED**
17 **TO VOTE IN CITY ELECTIONS**

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19 **WHEREAS**, the City of Glenarden is a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland,
20 operating under Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and §4-301 *et seq.* of the
21 Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, Section 702 of the Charter now grants the right to vote in City elections to
24 any citizen who has reached the age of 16, has been a resident for the 30 days immediately
25 preceding the next City election, and has registered in accordance with the provisions of
26 this; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland affords youth who are U.S. citizens and residents of
29 this state, the right to register to vote at the age of 16, but cannot legally vote until the age
30 of 18; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, Citizens voiced their concerns with not being notified of the proposed change
33 to the City Charter that would lower the voting age from 18 to 16 years old for City
34 elections.

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36 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED** that Section 702 “Voters
37 of the Charter of the City of Glenarden be repealed, re-enacted and amended to read as
38 follows:

39 Section 702 Voters

40 Every person who meets all the following requirements may vote in City elections:

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42 (a) Is a citizen of the United States;
43 (b) Is at least ~~16~~ 18 years of age;
44 (c) Has resided in the corporate limits of the City for the 30 days immediately preceding
45 the next City election;
46 (d) Is registered in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the City Council of Glenarden, Maryland that the amendment to the Charter of the City of Glenarden, hereby proposed by this enactment, adopted this 11th day of December, 2017, shall be and become effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after its adoption by the City Council unless petitioned to referendum in accordance with §4-301 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, within forty (40) days following its adoption. A complete and exact copy of this Charter Resolution shall be posted in the City offices located at 8600 Glenarden Parkway, Glenarden, Maryland for forty (40) days following its adoption by the Council and a fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals, also within the forty (40) day period following its adoption by the City.

Date Approved: _____

ATTEST:

City Council of Glenarden, MD

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