

**THE TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD  
CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2024-06**

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD AS PUBLISHED BY GENERAL CODE PUBLISHERS CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING ARTICLE V - REGISTRATION, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, AND ARTICLE XIII – GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Hampstead that the Charter of the Town of Hampstead be amended as follows

**Section One. That Article V, § C5-13 be amended as follows:**

**§ C5-13 Counting of votes.**

Within forty-eight (48) hours after the closing of the polls, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall determine the vote cast for each candidate or question and shall certify the results of the election to the Clerk of the Council, who shall record the results in the minutes of the Council. The candidate for Mayor with the highest number of votes in the general election shall be declared elected as Mayor. The candidates for the available Council member positions with the highest number of votes in the general election shall be declared elected as Council members. Write-in candidates in general or special elections will not be considered, but the remainder of the ballot shall not be invalidated.

**Section Two. That Article XIII, § C13-1 be amended as follows:**

**§ C13-1 Oath of Office**

- A. Text. Before entering upon the duties of their offices, the Mayor, the Council members, the Town Manager, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections and all other persons elected or appointed to any office of profit or trust in the town government shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: "I \_\_\_\_\_, do swear (or affirm, as the case may be), that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, The Town of Hampstead, and support the Constitution and Laws thereof, and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Constitution and Laws of this State."
- B. How subscribed. The Mayor shall take and subscribe this oath or affirmation before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County or before one (1) of the sworn deputies of the Clerk. All other persons taking and subscribing the oath shall do so before the Mayor.

**Section Three.** BE IT RESOLVED, that the date of Adoption of this Resolution is the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and the same shall become effective on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the date of adoption, unless a proper petition for referendum is presented or mailed on or before the 40<sup>th</sup> day after the date of adoption as provided for by the Local Government Article 4-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland; the Mayor is hereby directed to cause posting and publication to be made as required by said Local Government Article 4-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and in the event this Resolution becomes effective as aforesaid or effective following any referendum, the Mayor is further directed to comply with the Local Government Article 4-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

Effective this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

**ATTEST:**

**MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
OF HAMPSTEAD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk of the Council**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**

NOTE: Matter in [brackets] is proposed for deletion from existing law.  
Matter underlined is new material proposed to be added to existing law.