

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF COLMAR MANOR

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION R-01-2023

SUPPLEMENTAL VOTER REGISTRY

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION of the Mayor and Town Council of Colmar Manor, Maryland to modify the provisions for the qualifications to become a registered voter of the Town eligible to vote in municipal elections, providing the creation of a separate supplemental voter registry in addition to those voters of the Town registered with the Prince George’s County Board of Elections.

Whereas, the Mayor and Town Council of Colmar Manor Maryland desire to expand voter participation within the Town of Colmar Manor in municipal election;

Whereas, the U.S. Census American Community Survey provides that over 31% of residents of the Town of Colmar Manor are foreign born and nearly half of those residents are not naturalized U.S. Citizens;

Whereas, these residents pay taxes and participate in community functions yet do not have an ability to elect their local public officials;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF COLMAR MANOR, MARYLAND,

Section 1. That pursuant to the power and authority vested in the Mayor and Town Council by the provisions of Section 4-301 et seq., of the Article on Local Government of the Maryland Code 2013 as amended to date, new Sections 501A, 501B and 504A providing for supplement voter registration, be and the same is hereby adopted to read as follows:

SECTION 501A ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED VOTERS.

- (A) EVERY PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR, WHO IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE OR WILL BE EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN ELECTION, WHO DOES NOT CLAIM VOTING RESIDENCE OR CLAIM THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION, AND WHO HAS ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED A RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN FOR A PERIOD OF 182 CONTINUOUS DAYS MAY THEREBY QUALIFY AND REGISTER TO VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHARTER.

- (B) EVERY QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED VOTER OF THE TOWN IS ENTITLED TO VOTE IN ALL TOWN ELECTIONS, AND MAY SIGN NOMINATING, REFERENDA AND OTHER PETITIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS CHARTER.

SECTION 501B TOWN-ONLY VOTER REGISTRATION

- (A) ANY RESIDENT OF THE TOWN WHO MEETS THE VOTER QUALIFICATIONS SET

FORTH IN SECTION 501A AS AND WHEN VERIFIED BY THE TOWN MAY REGISTER IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS HEREOF WITH AN OFFICIAL OF THE TOWN APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL TO VOTE IN TOWN ELECTIONS.

SAID TOWN OFFICIAL SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR SUPPLEMENTARY VOTER REGISTRAR. SAID OFFICIAL SHALL RECEIVE AND PROMPTLY REVIEW AND VERIFY THE CONTENTS OF THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION APPLICATION. SAID OFFICIAL SHALL SEND ANY JURISDICTION IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE THE NEW REGISTRANT IS REGISTERED TO VOTE, A NOTICE IN DUE FORM AND CONTENT REQUESTING THE CANCELLATION OF SAID VOTER'S PRIOR REGISTRATION.

- (B) THE SUPPLEMENTARY VOTER REGISTRAR SHALL MAINTAIN A SUPPLEMENTAL VOTER REGISTRY, SEPARATE FROM THE LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS ON THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST FOR THE TOWN GENERATED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.
- (C) ANY DECISION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY VOTER REGISTRAR TO ENROLL OR NOT TO ENROLL AN APPLICANT ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL VOTER REGISTRY SHALL BE APPEALABLE TO THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL.

SECTION 504A. VOTER REGISTRATION

AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 504 OF THIS CHARTER ANY RESIDENT OF THE TOWN REGISTERING TO VOTE UNDER SECTIONS 501A AND 501B MUST REGISTER AND BE QUALIFIED AS A VOTER OF THE TOWN THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY ELECTION.

Introduced on the 11 day of October, 2022

Adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2022

ATTEST

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
OF COLMAR MANOR, MARYLAND

Daniel Baden
Clerk-Treasurer

Monica Casañas
Mayor

Introduced and Read:
Second Reading:
Adopted:
Effective Date:

Maliek Harding
Council Member, Ward, 1

Irina Hobbs
Council Member, Ward 2

Doug Bowles
Council Member, Ward 3

Melinda Mendoza
Council Member, Ward 4

I certify that the following motion was made at the meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Colmar Manor held on _____, 2022.

Motion: _____ moved that the Mayor and Town Council adopt Ordinance R-02-2023 a Resolution providing for a Charter Amendment creating a supplemental voter registration by the Town of Colmar Manor.

Motion: Councilmember _____

Motion Seconded: _____

Vote:	Aye	Nay
Casañas		
Harding		
Hobbs		
Bowles		
Mendoza		

Daniel R. Baden