

**THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF**  
**THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE**  
**RESOLUTION TO AMEND TOWN CHARTER CONCERNING**  
**UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of The Town of Union Bridge have found that given the cost of conducting elections and time commitment required of town staff and volunteers, it is the best interest of The Town of Union Bridge to amend its Charter so that an election will not be required if the number of duly qualified candidates for an office is equal to or less than the number of vacancies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland Article of the Md. Code Ann. as currently in effect and Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't. Article §4-301 et seq. as currently in effect provides for Municipal Charter Amendments by Resolution and the within Resolution contains a single Charter Amendment.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE pursuant to the authority contained in Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and provisions and provisions of Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't. Article §4-301 et seq. that Section 20-31 of the Charter of The Town of Union Bridge, Maryland, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 20-31. Elections; date, officers elected, cancelled elections.

(a) On the second Tuesday in May in every second odd numbered year, the qualified voters of the town shall elect one person as mayor and two or three, as the case may be, persons as councilmen to serve for terms of four years.

(b) If, on the day immediately following the deadline for filing certificates of

nomination in accordance with Section 20-30 of this Charter, the number of duly qualified candidates for the office is equal to or less than the number of vacancies for such office, then no election shall be held for such office.

\* Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't. Article §4-303, all new language is underlined and all language to be eliminated is enclosed in double parentheses.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Amendment of the Charter of The Town of Union Bridge hereby enacted shall become effective fifty (50) days from the date of the adoption hereof, unless a petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law, provided that a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Town Hall continuously for a period of at least forty (40) days following the adoption hereof, and provided further that a fair summary of this Resolution shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation in The Town of Union Bridge not less than four (4) times at weekly intervals within at least forty (40) days after the date of adoption hereof pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't. Article §4-304.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of The Town of Union Bridge are hereby specifically enjoined to carry out the aforesaid provisions.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as herein provided or following referendum, the Mayor of The Town of Union Bridge shall comply with the registration requirements in Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't. Article §4-308.

INTRODUCED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Dawn Metcalf  
DAWN METCALF, Clerk-Treasurer

ADOPTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF September, 2024.

Dawn Metcalf  
DAWN METCALF, Clerk-Treasurer  
APPROVED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF September, 2024.

Perry L. Jones, Jr.  
PERRY L. JONES, JR., Mayor

RATIFIED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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DAWN METCALF, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY  
OF September, 2024:

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