

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 20

Resolution No. 54-21

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Mr. Pruski, and Ms. Lacey

By the County Council, October 18, 2021

1 RESOLUTION requesting the Charter Revision Commission to consider certain issues

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3 WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 50-21 the County Council appointed a Charter
4 Revision Commission for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of County
5 Government and updating the Charter, including revision of the Councilmanic
6 districts; and

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8 WHEREAS, the County Council wishes to ensure that several key issues are
9 carefully considered by the Charter Revision Commission; now, therefore, be it

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11 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
12 requests the Charter Revision Commission to include the following issues on their agenda
13 for in-depth study and to make recommendations relating to these key issues:

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15 1. Examine the benefits of increasing the number of Councilmanic districts.
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17 2. Examine allowing members of the County Council to serve in office for three full
18 consecutive four-year terms.
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20 3. Evaluate salaries and retirement benefits for members of the County Council.
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22 4. Examine whether the role of members of the County Council should be considered
23 full-time and if the salaries of members of the County Council should be increased
24 to reflect actual hours worked.
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26 5. Evaluate, if members of the County Council were full-time, whether they should
27 be allowed to maintain secondary employment.
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29 6. Evaluate allowing the County Council to increase or amend items in the budget.
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31 7. Evaluate allowing the County Council to introduce bond initiatives to be placed on
32 the ballot.
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34 8. Examine the benefit of allowing Councilmanic districts to be eligible for grants
35 under the Community Benefit Program.
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37 9. Evaluate placing a limit on the local income tax rate in Anne Arundel County.

1 10. Examine the powers of the Fire Chief to oversee and regulate riding members of
2 volunteer fire companies in Anne Arundel County.

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4 11. Evaluate Section 547 of the Charter as it applies to volunteer fire companies and
5 any entities under which they operate.

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7 12. Evaluate the benefit of authorizing a local fire tax for funding the Fire Department.

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9 13. Examine allowing the use of an emergency ordinance to address a situation that
10 needs immediate action.

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12 14. Evaluate Sections 208 and 307 as they apply to emergency ordinances and what
13 could be done to improve the procedures for passing emergency ordinances.

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15 15. Evaluate the need to update or amend Title 6 of Article 1 pertaining to civil
16 emergencies.

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18 16. Consider making the language used in the Charter more gender neutral.

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20 and, be it further

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22 *Resolved*, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Charter Revision Commission.


READ AND PASSED this 1st day of November, 2021.

By Order:



Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 54-21 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Sarah F. Lacey
Chair