

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 23

Resolution No. 62-21

Introduced by Mr. Volke

By the County Council, December 6, 2021

1 A RESOLUTION ENTITLED  
2 Charter Amendment – Executive Branch – Appointment and Confirmation of the  
3 Planning and Zoning Officer  
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5 RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to  
6 add a requirement that the County Council confirm the County Executive’s appointment  
7 of a Planning and Zoning Officer  
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9 *Be it resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the*  
10 *following amendments to the Anne Arundel County Charter are proposed for submission*  
11 *to the qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2022:*  
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13 **Article IV. The County Executive**  
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15 **Sec. 405. Powers and duties of the office.**  
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17 The County Executive shall be responsible for the proper and efficient administration  
18 of such affairs of the County as are placed in the charge or under the jurisdiction and control  
19 of the County Executive under this Charter or by law. In addition to and not by way of  
20 limitation of the County Executive's general duties of supervision and management of the  
21 executive branch of the County government, the County Executive shall have the following  
22 express responsibilities, duties, and powers:  
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24 (b) To appoint, subject to confirmation by resolution of the County Council,  
25 the County Attorney, Chief of Police, ~~[[and]]~~ Fire Chief, AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING  
26 OFFICER;  
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28 **Title V. The Executive Branch**  
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30 **Sec. 530. Organization of office.**  
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32 The Office of Planning and Zoning shall be administered by a Planning and Zoning  
33 Officer appointed by the County Executive AND CONFIRMED BY RESOLUTION OF THE  
34 COUNTY COUNCIL. ~~[[, and he]]~~ THE PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICER shall be a trained  
35 planner of wide and varied experience in the fields of planning and zoning, at least five  
36 years of which shall have involved a position of administrative leadership and  
37 responsibility.

1        *And be it further resolved*, That the following question is adopted for submittal to the  
2 qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2022 for their adoption  
3 or rejection:

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5        “To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require County Council confirmation  
6 of the County Executive’s appointment of a Planning and Zoning Officer.”

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8        *And be it further resolved*, That this question shall be designated as Question “ \_\_\_ ” on  
9 the ballot at the General Election in November 2022.

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11        *And be it further resolved*, That if the majority of qualified votes cast in the election  
12 are for the Charter Amendment, this amendment shall stand adopted from and after the 30<sup>th</sup>  
13 day following the election.