

RESOLUTION NO. 2210

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD FOR THE PURPOSES OF AMENDING THE OXFORD TOWN CHARTER TO PERMIT THE CLERK OF THE COURT TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann. Local Gov't Article § 4-301, *et seq.* confers upon the Commissioners of Oxford the authority to initiate proposed amendments to the Charter for the Town of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Oxford have broad home rule authority to conduct elections in the Town of Oxford as they see fit; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Oxford have determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to amend Section C12-1 of the Charter for the Town of Oxford to allow the newly elected Commissioner to take and subscribe the oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Talbot County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section C12-1 of the Charter for the Town of Oxford is hereby amended as follows:

**ARTICLE XI
General Provisions**

Section C12-1. Oath of Office Required.

(a) Before entering upon the duties of their offices, the Commissioners, the Clerk-Treasurer, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and all other person [persons] elected or appointed to any office or 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, 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) The *newly elected Commissioner* ~~President of Commissioners~~ shall take and subscribe this oath or affirmation before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot County or before one of the sworn deputies of the Clerk. All other persons taking and subscribing the oath shall do so before the President of the Commissioners.

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Section 2. This Resolution shall be posted and published in accordance with the requirements set forth in Md. Code Ann. Local Government Article § 4-304.

Section 3. The Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on this Resolution on _____, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective 50 days after final enactment unless a petition for referendum has been filed prior thereto in accordance with Section 4-304 of the Local Government Article of the Code of Maryland. This Resolution shall be deemed “finally enacted” on the date on which the Commissioners of Oxford indicate their approval of this Resolution by affixing their signatures hereto.

Section 4. As soon as this Resolution becomes effective, the Town Clerk shall cause to be delivered to the Department of Legislative Reference all the information regarding the Charter Amendment, this Resolution, and any referendum held thereon as may be required by the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD:

Jimmy Jaramillo, President

Brian Wells, Commissioner

Tom Costigan, Commissioner

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was passed by a yea and nay vote of the Commissioners of Oxford on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Attest: _____
Cheryl Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Oxford

Language ~~stricken~~ indicates language deleted from the Charter for the Town of Oxford
Language in ***bold and italics*** indicates language added to the Charter for the Town of Oxford