

RESOLUTION NO. 2306

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD SCHEDULING A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON WHETHER THE CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION SUBMITTED ON APRIL 11, 2023, SHALL BE APPROVED WHICH WOULD AMEND THE TOWN CHARTER TO REQUIRE VACANCIES ON THE COMMISSION TO BE FILLED BY HOLDING A SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING AFTER A VACANCY OCCURS, RATHER THAN BY APPOINTMENT BY A MAJORITY OF THE REMAINING COMMISSIONERS UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED ELECTION

WHEREAS, Section C5-15 of the Town of Oxford Charter provides that a vacancy on the Commission for any reason shall be filled by the favorable votes of a majority of the remaining members of the Commission until the next regular election; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, more than 20% of the qualified voters in town signed and submitted a Petition to amend the language in Section C5-15 of the Charter to state, “[a]ny vacancy on the Commission, for any reason, shall be filled by the favorable votes of the registered voters of the Town of Oxford. The date of the election shall be set by the Commission at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting and shall be held within 45 days. The voting shall be conducted in the manner as prescribed in Sections C5-10, 12, 13, 14 under “Registration, Nominations and Elections” for Town elections” (the “Petition”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MD Code Ann., Local Government Article § 4-305, within 60 days of receipt of the Petition, the Town is required to approve a resolution calling for the referendum on whether the proposed charter amendment shall be approved and schedule the date for the referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to hold the referendum election on the proposed Charter amendment within the Petition on **July 18, 2023 from the hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD that a referendum election on the Charter amendment within the Petition is scheduled for July 18, 2023 from the hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD that the following language shall be placed on the ballot:

The ballot shall contain the following question:

PLACE AN “X” IN THE BOX *APPROVING* OR *DISAPPROVING* THE CHARTER AMENDMENT BELOW:

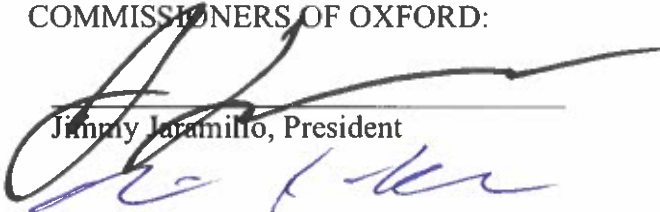
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APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

RESOLVED, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

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 23 day of MAY, 2023.

Attest:


Cheryl Lewis, Town Manager
Town of Oxford