

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-03
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ORDINANCE
TO AMEND ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 3.1 AND 4.1, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
REGARDING NOMINATIONS AND WRITE-IN VOTING

WHEREAS notice of the regular elections, including a list of those nominated and qualified for elective office, can be mailed to Town residents in March preceding the elections and in April with the required notice of the annual Town Meeting; and

WHEREAS extending the nominations deadline serves a public purpose by providing additional time for consideration by those who wish to submit a nomination and those who agree to be nominated; and

WHEREAS adding a provision for write-in votes on the ballots serves a public purpose to reinforce tradition and clarify the intent to authorize such voting in Washington Grove.

Therefore, be it ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Washington Grove, Maryland, that Article X Section 3.1 is hereby modified to read:

3.1 (Nominations) Regular Elections

Persons may be nominated for regular election offices by filing, or having filed, a certificate of nomination with the Board on or before the second Monday in April preceding the regular election, in accordance with the Charter. A list of those nominated for Mayor or Councilor prior to March 1 will be included in the March Town Bulletin. A final list of those meeting qualifications for office and nominated for Mayor or Council by the April deadline will be included in a notice mailed in April to Town residents at least two weeks prior to the elections.

And, be it FURTHER ORDAINED that Article X Section 4.1 is hereby modified to read:

4.1 (Voting) Regular Elections

As provided in the Charter, polling on a regular election day shall take place between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday in May. Write-in votes are permitted; space shall be provided on the ballots and/or voting machines for write-in votes to be recorded.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of enactment hereof in the absence of a petition by qualified voters as set forth in Section 15 of the Charter of the Town.

Approved by the Mayor and Town Council

Mayor Date

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Date