

1 months and must have resided in that ward for at least six (6) months immediately
2 preceding the date of the general election. A person may not hold office as an
3 alderman/alderwoman for more than two (2) consecutive terms to which elected in the
4 manner provided by Annapolis City Code, Title 4.
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6 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
7 **COUNCIL** that the date of adoption of this Resolution is _____, and the
8 amendments of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, hereby enacted shall become
9 effective on _____, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as
10 permitted by law within 50 days of adoption, provided a complete and exact copy of this
11 Resolution shall be continuously posted on the bulletin board in the City Hall until
12 _____, and provided further that a copy of the title of this Resolution shall
13 be published in "The Capital", a newspaper of general circulation in the City of
14 Annapolis, or in any other newspaper of such general circulation, once in each of the
15 weeks on _____, _____, _____, and
16 _____.
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18 **SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
19 **COUNCIL** that the Mayor is hereby specifically commanded to carry out the provisions
20 of Section II hereof, and, as evidence of such compliance, the Mayor shall cause to be
21 maintained appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper or newspapers in
22 which the title of the Resolution shall have been published and if a favorable
23 referendum is held on the Charter change, shall declare the Charter change hereby
24 enacted to be effective on _____, by affixing her signature hereto in the space
25 provided on the effective date of change.
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27 **SECTION IV: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
28 **COUNCIL** that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become
29 effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the Mayor shall send to
30 the Maryland Department of Legislative Services a copy of this Resolution showing the
31 number of Aldermen voting for and against it and a report on the votes cast for or
32 against the amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of
33 such referendum.
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35 The above Charter Amendment was enacted by the foregoing Resolution which
36 was passed at a _____ meeting of the Annapolis City Council on _____, 2009;
37 _____ voting in the affirmative, _____ voting in the negative, _____ abstaining and _____
38 absent and the said Resolution becomes effective in accordance with law on the
39 _____ day of _____.
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41 **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2009.
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ATTEST:

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, CMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR

EXPLANATION:

Highlighting indicates matter added to existing law.
~~Strikeout indicates matter deleted from existing law.~~
Underlining indicates amendments.

CA-02-09
Aldermanic Term Limits

Staff Paper

The proposed Charter Amendment would limit the number of terms an alderman/alderwoman may serve on the Annapolis City Council. Currently, aldermen/alderwomen are not subject to term limits, but must satisfy three residential requirements. With one exception, they are required to be registered voters in the City for at least one year immediately preceding their election and a registered voter in the ward from which they are elected for at least six months; in addition, they must have resided in that ward for at least six months immediately preceding the date of the general election. See ANNAPOLIS, MD., CHARTER Art. II, § 3(c) (2008). Under the proposed legislation, aldermen/alderwomen may not hold office for more than two full consecutive terms.

Current City Council members and their respective terms:

Ward 1 – Richard Israel (D), 1st term
Ward 2 – Frederick Paone (R), 1st term*
Ward 3 – Classie Hoyle (D), 2nd term
Ward 4 – Sheila Finlayson (D), 1st term*
Ward 5 – David Cordle (R), 2nd term
Ward 6 – Julie Stankivic (R), 1st term
Ward 7 – Samuel Shropshire (D), 1st term
Ward 8 – Ross Arnett (D), 1st term*

This legislation mirrors the mayoral term limits specified in Article II, Section 3(b) of the Annapolis City Charter, including the corrected reference to Title 4 of the Annapolis City Code in Charter Amendment CA-01-09.

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* Elected in special election.