

**CITY OF TANEYTOWN
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-28
REFERENDUM ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Taneytown have adopted Charter Resolution CR2016-01 which amends the Charter of the City of Taneytown pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E §4 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland and §4-304 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §4-304(d) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland a petition (hereinafter referred to as "referendum petition") purporting to be signed by at least twenty per cent (20%) of persons qualified to vote in a City of Taneytown general election, requesting that the proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Taneytown be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Taneytown as a ballot question; and

WHEREAS, the City of Taneytown did receive the referendum petition on May 21, 2016 which was within the statutory time period required by §4-304(c) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Taneytown verified and validated that the referendum petition did contain signatures of at least twenty percent (20%) of the persons qualified to vote in a City of Taneytown general election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §4-304(d)(5) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Taneytown is enacting this Resolution to specify the day and hours for the election at which the ballot question shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Taneytown, and to specify the exact wording of the ballot question which is to be placed on the ballot, as required by statute.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TANEYTOWN that:

1. The ballot question shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Taneytown at a special election to be held on November 15, 2016, with voting hours being from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on that day.
2. The exact wording of the question which is to be placed on the ballot when the matter is submitted to the voters shall be:

On whether to amend the City Charter to allow elected officials to be removed from office:

- *For three (3) unexcused consecutive meeting absences;*

- For violations of criminal law, Federal or State law, County codes, the City's Ethics Ordinance, or provisions of the City Charter and Code;
- By recall petition of the voters of the City of Taneytown

_____ Yes, I vote FOR the Charter amendment allowing provisions for the removal of duly elected officials.

_____ No, I vote AGAINST the Charter amendment, which will prohibit the provisions for the removal of duly elected officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Taneytown that this Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

INTRODUCED THIS 5th DAY OF October, 2016

Clara Kalman
CLARA KALMAN, CITY CLERK

PASSED THIS 5th DAY OF October 2016 BY A VOTE OF 3 COUNCILMEMBERS IN FAVOR AND 1 COUNCILMEMBERS OPPOSED.

Clara Kalman
CLARA KALMAN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF October 2016.

James L. McCarron
JAMES L. MCCARRON, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
THIS 5th DAY OF October, 2016.

BY: [Signature]

JACK A. GULLO, JR., CITY ATTORNEY