

1 **CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO 284**

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3 **A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE**  
4 **GRACE, MARYLAND ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF**  
5 **THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI-E, THE LOCAL**  
6 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF**  
7 **MARYLAND, AND THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER SECTION**  
8 **19 AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 17 CHANGING THE TERM**  
9 **OF THE MAYOR FROM TWO YEARS TO THREE YEARS TO BECOME**  
10 **EFFECTIVE AT THE NEXT MAYORAL ELECTION SUBJECT TO**  
11 **APPROVAL BY THE CITIZENS OF HAVRE DE GRACE**  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland has a written a  
14 Charter authorized by the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and  
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council has determined that Charter Section 17, which  
17 addresses the term of office for the Mayor, should be amended as set forth herein; and  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council, as a legislative body, has concluded that increasing  
20 the Mayor's term from two years to three years, will improve the continuity of the business operations  
21 of the City with regard to writing, submitting and implementing grant applications; developing,  
22 initiating, implementing and measuring the success of programs; executing Directors' contracts and  
23 alternating the Mayor's election cycle into each side of the City Council elections; and  
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25 **WHEREAS**, each benefit set forth above is considered to be in the best interest of the public;  
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28 **WHEREAS**, if approved by the voters, the three-year term will not take effect until the next  
29 mayoral election.  
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31 **NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved, determined and ordained by the Mayor and City Council  
32 of Havre de Grace, Maryland that:  
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- 34 1. Section 17 of the City Charter is to be amended as follows with the words in **bold and**  
35 **brackets** to be deleted and the words in **all capital letters** to be added.  
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37 Section 17 Mayor: qualifications, election, term, appointments.

38 To qualify to be Mayor, one must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age, a citizen of the United  
39 States for ten (10) years, and a qualified City voter at the time of filing for office and a resident of the  
40 City of Havre de Grace for not less than two (2) years immediately preceding the election date. The  
41 election of Mayor shall take place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May and on the same  
42 day and month every [**second**] **THIRD** year thereafter. The Mayor shall take the oath of office and  
43 the term begins on the third Monday in May. The Mayor shall promptly submit the names of all  
44 candidates for appointed offices to the City Council President for Council confirmation or rejection.  
45 Should any candidates be rejected, the Mayor shall submit other names until all positions are filled.

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WITNESS/ATTEST

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF HAVRE DE GRACE

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Patrick D. Sypolt  
Director of Administration

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William T. Martin, Mayor

Introduction: 9/16/19  
Public Hearing: 11/04/19  
Resolution Adopted: