

CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: **Charter Resolution 306 concerning Amending Sections
pertaining to Candidate Qualifications**

(Public Hearing)

Date: **12/2/2025**

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Purpose:

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Read and Comment as Needed

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Action Required by January 5, 2026

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Approve:

Johnny Boker
Comment: _____

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Casi Boyer
Comment: _____

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Matthew Ellis
Comment: _____

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Vicki Jones
Comment: _____

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Jim Ringsaker
Comment: _____

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Tammy Lynn
Schneegas
Comment: _____

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Note: N/A

CITY COUNCIL
OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. 306

Introduced by Council President Ringsaker

**A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE
AUTHORITY OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION ARTICLE
XI-E, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND THE HAVRE DE
GRACE CITY CHARTER SECTION 19, AMENDING CITY
CHARTER SECTIONS 17 AND 21 GENERALLY PERTAINING TO
CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS**

On: December 1, 2025

at: 7:00 p.m.

Charter Amendment Resolution introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

EXPLANATION

Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.

[Bold Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Amendments proposed prior to final adoption will be noted on a separate page with line references or by handwritten changes on the draft legislation.

1. Section 17 of the City Charter is to be amended as follows, with the words underscored to be added and the words in bold and brackets to be deleted.

Section 17 Mayor: qualifications, election, term, appointments.

To qualify to be Mayor, one must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age, a citizen of the United States for **[ten (10)]** at least two (2) years, **[and]** a qualified City voter at the time of filing for office, and a resident of the City of Havre de Grace for not less than two (2) years immediately preceding the election date. The election of Mayor shall take place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May and on the same day and month every third year thereafter. The Mayor shall take the oath of office and the term begins on the third Monday in May.

2. Section 21 of the City Charter is to be amended as follows, with the words underscored to be added and the words in bold and brackets to be deleted.

Section 21. City Council: qualifications.

The City Council shall have six (6) members. To qualify as a member, one must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age, a citizen of the United States for **[ten (10)]** at least two (2) years, **[and]** a qualified City voter at the time of filing for office, and a resident of the City of Havre de Grace for not less than two (2) years immediately preceding the election date.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is determined, decided, and resolved by the City Council that the aforementioned amendments are hereby approved.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2026.

SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Director of Administration this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF HAVRE DE GRACE

Christopher Ricci
Director of Administration

William T. Martin
Mayor

Introduced/First Reading: 12/1/2025
Public Hearing: 1/5/2026 (scheduled)
Second Reading/Enacted: 1/20/2026 (scheduled)

Adopted/Effective Date (50 days after enactment if no referendum): 3/10/2026 (if adopted)