

# CITY COUNCIL

## READ FILE COVER SHEET

Subject: **Charter Resolution 307 to Amend Section 37E pertaining to the Budget Approval Process**

**(Public Hearing)**

Date: **1/21/2026**

**Notice:** Any comments made after 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the Council Meeting will not be seen in the agenda packet.

Purpose:

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**Read and Comment as Needed**

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**Action Required by February 17, 2026**

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In Confidential File Drawer

Approve:

Johnny Boker

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Casi Boyer

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew Ellis

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Vicki Jones

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Ringsaker

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Tammy Lynn

Schneegas

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: N/A

CITY COUNCIL  
OF  
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

Charter Amendment Resolution 307

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Member Ellis

**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 IN PART  
SECTION 37E OF THE CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO THE  
BUDGET APPROVAL PROCESS**

On: January 20, 2026

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 February 17, 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.

Charter Amendment Resolution 307

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires greater flexibility in scheduling meetings for budget approval, which must occur in June prior to the start of the new fiscal year on July 1;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is determined, decided, and resolved by the City Council that the following amendment to City Charter Section 37E is hereby approved.

Section 37 E 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.

- E. After Council review of the preliminary budget, the Mayor shall present the final budget to the Council in the form of an ordinance for a first reading no later than [at] the first regularly scheduled Council meeting in June. A Public Hearing shall be held prior to the second reading and passage. [at] The second reading must take place at a special Council meeting in June called for that purpose or at [the second] any regularly scheduled Council meeting in June, as determined by the Council President.

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

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William T. Martin  
Mayor

Introduced/First Reading: 1/20/2026  
Public Hearing: 2/17/2026 (scheduled)  
Second Reading/Adopted: 3/2/2026 (scheduled)

Effective Date: 4/21/2026 (if adopted)

The effective date is the 50th day after adoption by City Council if a referendum is not presented 40 days after the Charter amendment. Council cannot suspend the time requirements as this is a State law requirement.