

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:

- FYI
- Read and Comment as Needed**
- Action Required by February 17, 2026**
- 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 Yes No No Comment

Schneegas Yes No No Comment

Comment: _____

Note: N/A

1 CITY COUNCIL
2 OF
3 HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND
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5 Charter Amendment Resolution 307
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7 Introduced by Council Member Ellis
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9 **A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF**
10 **HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE**
11 **AUTHORITY OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION ARTICLE**
12 **XI-E, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE**
13 **ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND THE HAVRE DE**
14 **GRACE CITY CHARTER SECTION 19, AMENDING IN PART**
15 **SECTION 37E OF THE CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO THE**
16 **BUDGET APPROVAL PROCESS**

17 On: January 20, 2026
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19 at: 7:00 p.m.

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

22 **PUBLIC HEARING**

23 A Public Hearing is scheduled for February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
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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.

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Charter Amendment Resolution 307

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

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

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33 Section 37 E of the City Charter is to be amended as follows, with the words underscored to be
34 added and the words in bold and brackets to be deleted.

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

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

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45 SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Director of Administration this ____ day of ____,
46 2026.

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48 ATTEST:

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF HAVRE DE GRACE

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53 Christopher Ricci
54 Director of Administration

53 William T. Martin
54 Mayor

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57 Introduced/First Reading: 1/20/2026
58 Public Hearing: 2/17/2026 (scheduled)
59 Second Reading/Adopted: 3/2/2026 (scheduled)
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61 Effective Date: 4/21/2026 (if adopted)

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63 The effective date is the 50th day after adoption by City Council if a referendum is not presented
64 40 days after the Charter amendment. Council cannot suspend the time requirements as this is a
65 State law requirement.