

PETITION TO INITIATE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To: The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis (Annapolis City Council)

The undersigned registered voter of the City of Annapolis hereby proposes that, pursuant to the Authority of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 14 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the following amendment to the Charter of the City of Annapolis be submitted to the registered voters of the City for approval or rejection.

A Charter Amendment Limiting Property Tax Increases

FOR the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Annapolis to limit annual property tax revenue increases collected by the city to the lesser of the Consumer Price Index or 4.5 percent; and all matters relating to City property tax revenues.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments the following Sections of the City Charter: Article VII, Section 2

NOTE: SHADING, ALL CAPITALS, AND ITALICS indicate matter ADDED to existing law. ((Strikeout text enclosed with double parentheses)) indicates matter DELETED from existing law.

Section I: I hereby petition that the Charter of the City of Annapolis be amended as follows:

Article VII, Section 2. Same – Due dates; rates.

The Annual tax levy shall be made by the city council on or before the first day of July in each year. Taxes shall be due and payable not later than the 30th day of September following the enactment of the ordinance imposing the tax rate. The city council may provide by ordinance consistent with this Charter and with the Constitution and laws of Maryland for the levying and collection, without limitation, upon all property of any kind within the present or future limits of the city, assessable for taxation, of ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide the city with the funds necessary to meet its obligations and appropriations for the fiscal year in which such taxes are levied, and to provide by such ordinance for the levying and collection of any special taxes which the city may be authorized to levy by law. As of the first day of January succeeding such annual tax levy, the tax levy shall become operative also upon all newly constructed real property within the city which has been at least (90) percent completed on the preceding December 1, and one-half (1/2) of the annual tax rate so established shall be applied to the assessed valuation of such new property, and the tax shall be due and payable on February 1 immediately following. All funds levied and collected pursuant to this section shall be credited in the same manner as provided by the annual budget for the current year. The city council may also provide by ordinance for interest on the taxes in such manner and upon such terms as it may deem expedient. REVENUES DERIVED FROM TAXES ON PROPERTIES EXISTING ON THE CITY PROPERTY TAX ROLLS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR SHALL NOT INCREASE, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR, MORE THAN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OR 4.5 PERCENT, WHICHEVER IS LOWER. THE LATEST CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS FOR WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE AS REPORTED BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS FOR THE MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEAR.

Signature of Petitioner _____
Print Name _____
Home Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
City Ward Number _____ email address _____ Phone _____

Affidavit of Petition Circulator

I, _____, under the penalty of perjury, do solemnly swear and affirm to the best of my knowledge and belief, the signature of this Petition is genuine and bona fide, that the person signing this Petition is a registered voter of the City as set forth in the Petition, and I saw such person sign this Petition.

Affiant's Signature _____ Date _____
Home Address _____ Apt _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Daytime Phone Number _____