

**TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE
RESOLUTION 08-2019**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE FOR THE
PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE TOWN CHARTER TO MODIFY THE
PROCUREMENT POLICY AND MATTERS GENERALLY RELATED
THERE TO.**

WHEREAS, the Town Council has the authority under Article XI-E, Section 4 of the Maryland Constitution which allows for the adoption of a new charter, the amendment of any charter or local laws, or the repeal of any part of a charter or local laws; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has the authority under Section 4-301 et. seq. of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which describes the process of charter amendment by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section 523 shall be modified to increase the minimum expenditure level requiring a written contract and sealed bids; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Centreville concurs with the recommendations of this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE,

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE, that Section 523 of the Centreville Town Charter be amended as follows, with deleted language shown in double bold faced brackets [[]] and added language shown in **bold and underlined**:

The Chief of Police, after informing the Town Manager, may expend up to \$15,000 without utilizing the bidding process described below, for the sole purpose of purchasing a vehicle, providing that the funds are allocated in the current year's budget. All other purchases and contracts for the town government shall be made by the Town Manager. The Council may provide by ordinance for rules and regulations regarding the use of competitive bidding and contracts for all town purchases and contracts. All expenditures for supplies, materials, equipment, construction of public improvements or contractual service involving more than [[\$5,000]] **\$10,000.00** shall be made on written contract. The Town Manager shall advertise for sealed bids, in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance, for all such written contracts. The written contracts shall be awarded to the bidder who offers the lowest or best bid, quality of goods and work, time of delivery or completion, and responsibility of bidders being considered. All such written contracts shall be approved by the Council before becoming effective. The Town Manager may reject all bids and re-advertise. The town at any time in its discretion may employ its own forces for the construction or reconstruction of public improvements without advertising for (or re-advertising for) or receiving bids. All written contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as the town may require.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of passage of this Resolution is December 5, 2019, and the amendment of the Charter of the Town of Centreville hereby enacted shall become effective upon January 24, 2020 (the fiftieth day after passage), unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed with the Town Council on or before the fortieth day after passage in the form and in the manner prescribed in Section 4-304(d) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

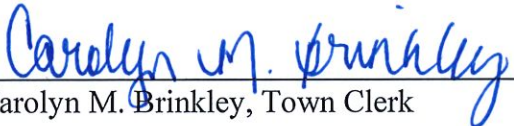
Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager shall cause a full and exact copy of the Resolution to be continuously posted on the bulletin board of the Town Hall until January 14, 2020 (the fortieth day after passage) and that the Town Manager shall further cause a fair summary of the charter amendment enacted by this Resolution to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Centreville at weekly intervals in each of the weeks of December, 20, 2019, December 27, 2019, January 3, 2020, and January 10, 2020 and that the Town Clerk shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting appropriate certificates of publication and posting.

Section 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of Centreville is hereby authorized and enjoined to declare this Resolution to be effective by affixing their signatures hereto in the space provided on the effective date hereof.

Section 5. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted becomes effective (whether as herein provided or by referendum), the Town Manager shall cause to be delivered to the Department of Legislative Reference all the information regarding the Charter Amendment, this Resolution and any referendum held thereon as may be required by Sections 4-109 and 4-308 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

ATTEST:

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE




Carolyn M. Brinkley, Town Clerk

ABSENT

Jim A. Beauchamp, President



Jeffrey C. Morgan, Vice President



Timothy E. McCluskey, Member