



**City Council Charter Amendment Hearing
In Person Meeting
New Carrollton Municipal Center
6016 Princess Garden Parkway
New Carrollton, MD 20784
Saturday, April 18, 2026, 2:00-4:00 P.M.**

Items for Discussion

- 1. Introduction of the Moderator**
- 2. Call to Order**
- 3. Rules for the Public Hearing**
- 4. Overview of New Carrollton's Governing Documents**
- 5. Review of Existing Charter Provisions for Voter Registration and Proposed Changes**
- 6. Reading of Proposed Legislation**
- 7. Council Responses to Submitted Questions**
- 8. Public Comments **3 Min Each****
 - a. Residents of New Carrollton
 - b. Other Interested Parties
- 9. Next Steps: City Council Action on Resolution 26-TK**
- 10. Motion to Adjourn**



Public Hearings on Proposed Charter and Code Changes to Address Qualifications and Residency Requirements to Vote in Municipal Elections

These hearings will be in person only, with no virtual options available.

- First Hearing: Monday, April 13, 2026, from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Second Hearing: Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Public Hearing Agenda

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3. Rules for the Public Hearing
4. Overview of New Carrollton's Governing Documents
5. Review of Existing Charter Provisions for Voter Registration and Proposed Changes
6. Reading of Proposed Legislation (audience option)
7. City Council responses to questions submitted to the City Clerk prior to the public hearing. (Note: All written statements submitted to the City Clerk by April 3, 2026, will be posted on the New Carrollton website prior to the first public hearing on April 13.)
8. Public Comments – 3 minutes for each speaker
 - a. Residents of New Carrollton
 - b. Other Interested Parties
9. Next Steps: City Council Action on Resolution 26-TK

Rules for Speakers and Persons Attending the Public Hearings

- Each person wishing to speak during the public hearing will have 3 minutes to speak.
- Upon arrival at City Hall, attendees will enter their names on the sign-up sheet and identify themselves as either [1] a resident of New Carrollton, or [2] other interested party. **Please indicate on the sign-up sheet whether you wish to speak.**
- **Residents of New Carrollton will speak first.** Other interested parties will be allowed to speak, according to the time available for each hearing: 1.5 hours for the first public hearing on 4/13/26 and 2 hours for the second public hearing on 4/18/26.
- The Moderator will recognize speakers according to the sign-in sheet. Once the sign-up sheet is exhausted, the Moderator will recognize other individuals by raised hands.
- Additional written comments are also welcome after the public hearings. Either drop your comments off at City Hall, addressed to the City Clerk, or email them to clerk@newcarrolltonmd.gov.

**Proposed Ordinance to Address Qualifications and Residency Requirements
to Vote in Municipal Elections (February 2026)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 50 “ELECTIONS,” ARTICLE I “GENERAL,” AND §§50-1 AND 50-2 TO INCREASE CONVENIENCE AND CLARITY BY RELOCATING DESCRIPTIONS OF THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND THE HANDLING OF SUPPLEMENTAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FROM THE CHARTER TO THE CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the City Council amended the Charter on December 18, 2024, to implement a supplemental list of voters qualified to vote in municipal elections who are not on the statewide voter registration list, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes in principle to organize the City's Charter and Code such that the Charter lays out broad guidance and the implementing detail is described in the Code, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council amended the Charter on XX, XX, 2026 to simplify broad guidance regarding the supplemental list of voters described above, and intended to relocate portions of implementing detail, describing specific registration procedures and documents, to the Code, and;

WHEREAS, the original implementation of the supplemental list lacked provisions to protect voter registration information from disclosure to parties other than those in MD Code, Elections Law, §3-305, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it will be more convenient for city residents to understand voter registration procedures and document requirements if they are relocated to the Code, and will increase voter confidence if registration information is protected,

Section 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of New Carrollton, Maryland, that Chapter 50 “Elections;” Article I “General;” §50-1 “Methods, hours, and places of registration;” and §50-2, “When to register,” be and are hereby repealed, re-enacted, and amended to read as:

§ 50-1. Voter Registration Eligibility Requirements and Methods for Municipal Elections

- A. To register for municipal elections with the County Board of Elections, a resident must follow that Board's procedures and meet that Board's qualifications. Residents who also wish to vote in county, state, special, primary or general elections must register with the County Board of Elections. Once registered with the County Board of Elections, a resident will remain permanently registered for all elections until they no longer meet Maryland's voter qualifications.

- B. To register for municipal elections with the City Clerk, a resident must:
- (1) schedule an appointment to meet with the City Clerk, and;
 - (2) present proof of identity using a current or expired photo ID issued by any government, and;
 - (3) show proof that they will be 18 or older by the date of the next election, which may be accomplished using the same photo ID described above, and;
 - (4) demonstrate that they permanently dwell at a New Carrollton address. If the photo ID does not demonstrate that, it can be accomplished with any document showing both the resident's name and address that meets the City Clerk's requirements for legal rigor, such as a residential lease, a mortgage, or a deed. These documents must prove that the 30-day residency requirement has been met, and;
 - (5) demonstrate to the City Clerk's satisfaction that a familial relationship exists between the prospective voter and the person named on the residential lease, mortgage, or deed referenced above. If the prospective voter's name does not appear on the proof-of-address document, additional documentation may be required.
- C. Outside of the period surrounding elections when registration is closed, registration to vote in municipal elections is continuous. Once registered with the City Clerk, a resident will remain permanently registered for New Carrollton municipal elections until they no longer meet the qualifications listed in the Charter §C-6. Those residents who register solely with the City Clerk will not be registered for county, state, special, primary, or general elections, and their municipal registration will not transfer to a different municipality, should they move their residence to another city in Maryland.

§ 50-2. Municipal Election Voting Records

- A. Before the date specified by the Chairperson of the City Board of Elections, the City Clerk will provide to the Board a Municipal Election Register containing the full name and address of all New Carrollton residents who were registered to vote in the preceding municipal election and including all residents who registered to vote with the City Clerk's office since that election.
- B. After each election, the Chairperson of the City Board of Elections will provide to the City Clerk a copy of the Voter Registry obtained from the County Board of Elections for that election, merged with the Municipal Election Register compiled by the City Clerk since the preceding municipal election. The merging of the two databases will create an updated Municipal Election Register that incorporates all changes to the county Board of Elections' Voter Registry for New Carrollton since the previous municipal election. This updated Municipal Election Register will replace the Register that was provided by the City Clerk, in accordance with §50-2 A. The City Clerk will add to the updated Register

the names and addresses of residents who register with the City Clerk's office during the interval until the next municipal election, compiling the new Register continuously.

- C. The City Board of Elections, with concurrence from the City Clerk, shall implement this section in the Board's regulations or procedures.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) calendar days after its passage.

INTRODUCED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW CARROLLTON, MARYLAND ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THE _____ OF _____, 2026.

Proposed Charter Amendment Resolution to Address Qualifications and Residency Requirements to Vote in Municipal Elections (February 2026)

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW CARROLLTON, MARYLAND, AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON, §C-6, TO ENHANCE CONVENIENCE FOR VOTERS BY CLARIFYING VOTER QUALIFICATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND TRANSFERRING REGISTRATION PROCEDURES TO THE CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the city is granted authority to amend its Charter in §3 of Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution, and the City Council is granted authority to undertake such amendments by resolution in §4 of the same Article, and;

WHEREAS, the procedures and conditions for such amendments specified in Maryland Code Annotated, Local Government Article, §4-301 *et seq.* have been satisfied, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to All Resident Voting as established in Charter §C-6, and;

WHEREAS, the existing provisions of the City Charter for voter identification and to verify in-city residency are overly elaborate and lengthy, and;

WHEREAS, MD Code Election Law §3-306 provides for same-day voter registration, and;

WHEREAS, administrative instructions for implementation of this Charter rightly belong in the City Code rather than in the Charter, itself;

Section 1: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of New Carrollton, Maryland, that the Charter of the City of New Carrollton §C-6 “Qualifications and Registration of Voters” be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

- A. Every person who is a citizen of the United States, is at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the day of the next general or special election, who has resided within the corporate limits of the City for at least thirty (30) days next preceding any City election, who is a resident of the City as of the time for the closing of registration next preceding any election, if registered, shall be entitled to vote at any or all city elections.
- B. Any U.S. citizen is qualified to vote in municipal elections, provided they:
 - (1) permanently dwell in the City of New Carrollton, and;
 - (2) will be eighteen (18) or older on the date of the election, and;
 - (3) can independently express a desire to vote, and;
 - (4) register to vote at the County Board of Elections or with the City Clerk in keeping with the registration requirements in Chapter 50 of the Code at least twenty-one (21) days before the election.

- C. Any other resident is qualified to vote in municipal elections, provided they:
- (1) permanently dwell in the City of New Carrollton, and;
 - (2) will be eighteen (18) or older on the date of the election, and;
 - (3) can independently express a desire to vote, and;
 - (4) register to vote with the City Clerk, in keeping with the registration requirements in Chapter 50 of the Code, at least twenty-one (21) days before the election.
- D. Every qualified and registered voter of the City is entitled to vote in all City elections and referenda and may sign nominating, referenda, and other petitions authorized by this Charter.
- E. The Board of Elections for Prince George's County shall maintain the registration lists in accordance with the usual procedures, including but not limited to removing names because of change of address and cancellation of registration for failure to vote.
- F. Challenges to the registration of any individual not believed to be qualified to vote in City elections shall be filed with the Board of Elections of Prince George's County, Maryland, in accordance with said Board's procedures.

Section 2: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Charter Amendment Resolution is adopted this ____ day of _____ 2026, and that the amendments to the Charter of the City of New Carrollton, hereby proposed by this enactment, shall be and become effective fifty (50) days after its passage by the City unless petitioned to referendum within forty (40) days following its passage in accordance with the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. A fair summary of this Resolution shall be posted in the City Hall for forty (40) days following its adoption and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City no fewer than four (4) times at weekly intervals within the forty (40) days following its passage by the City.

Section 3: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as soon as the Charter Amendment Resolution hereby enacted becomes effective, either as herein provided or following referendum, the City Manager shall send to the Department of Legislative Services the following information concerning the Charter Amendment Resolution: (i) the complete text of this Resolution; (ii) the date of the referendum election, if one is held; (iii) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Council of the City of New Carrollton or in a referendum; and (iv) the effective date of the Charter Amendment.

Section 4: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Carrollton, Maryland, City Manager is specifically instructed to carry out the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 as evidence of compliance herewith; and the City Manager shall affix to the minutes of the meeting at which

this Resolution was adopted an appropriate Certificate of Publication in the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Charter Amendment shall have been published and shall further cause to be completed and executed the Certificate of Effect.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of New Carrollton, Maryland, at a meeting on the _____ day of _____.

Resolution 26-TK
City Council of New Carrollton, Maryland
Amending the Charter of the City of New Carrollton
§C-6 to Clarify Voter Qualifications for Municipal Elections
Effective TKdate, TKmonth, 2026

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 26-TK

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WHEREAS, the city is granted authority to amend its Charter in §3 of Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution, and the City Council is granted authority to undertake such amendments by resolution in §4 of the same Article, and;

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WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to All Resident Voting as established in Charter §C-6, and;

WHEREAS, the existing provisions of the City Charter for voter identification and to verify in-city residency are overly elaborate and lengthy, and;

WHEREAS, MD Code Election Law §3-306 provides for same-day voter registration, and;

WHEREAS, administrative instructions for implementation of this Charter rightly belong in the City Code rather than in the Charter, itself;

Section 1: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of New Carrollton, Maryland, that the Charter of the City of New Carrollton §C-6 “Qualifications and Registration of Voters” be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

A. ~~Qualifications.~~ Every person who is a citizen of the United States, is at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the day of the net general of special election, who has resided within the corporate limits of the City for at least thirty (30) days next preceding any City election, who is a resident of the City as of the time for the closing of registration next preceding any election, if registered, shall be entitled to vote at any or all City elections.

~~B. Registration. In accordance with the State Universal Registration Act, as contained in the MD Code Ann., Elections Article, § 3-403, as amended, any person residing in the City who is registered with the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Prince George's County shall be deemed to be registered to vote in City elections. Residents may register to vote before a City election by~~

~~submitting a voter registration application with the City Clerk. Those residents who register before a City election will be added to the City's Voter Registration List. Residents may also register to vote on the day of a City election. Those who register on the day of a City election shall register with the member of the Board of Elections assigned to that task, or its designee. Those who register on the day of the election shall not be added to the City's Voter Registration List.~~

B. ANY US CITIZEN IS QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, PROVIDED THEY:

- (1) PERMANENTLY DWELL IN THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON, AND;
- (2) WILL BE EIGHTEEN (18) OR OLDER ON THE DATE OF THE ELECTION, AND;
- (3) CAN INDEPENDENTLY EXPRESS A DESIRE TO VOTE, AND;
- (4) REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR WITH THE CITY CLERK IN KEEPING WITH THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS IN CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION.

C. ANY OTHER RESIDENT IS QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, PROVIDED THEY:

- (1) PERMANENTLY DWELL IN THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON, AND;
- (2) WILL BE EIGHTEEN (18) OR OLDER ON THE DATE OF THE ELECTION, AND;
- (3) CAN INDEPENDENTLY EXPRESS A DESIRE TO VOTE, AND;
- (4) REGISTER TO VOTE WITH THE CITY CLERK IN KEEPING WITH THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS IN CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION.

~~C. E. Removal.~~ THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL MAINTAIN THE REGISTRATION LISTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USUAL PROCEDURES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO REMOVING NAMES BECAUSE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION FOR FAILURE TO VOTE. (Old sub-section C is redesignated sub-section E, which is to be preceded by a new sub-section D. New sub-section D is the old sub-section E(2), below.)

~~D. F. Appeal.~~ CHALLENGES TO THE REGISTRATION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL NOT BELIEVED TO BE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN CITY ELECTIONS SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BOARD'S PROCEDURES. (Old sub-section D is redesignated sub-section F.)

~~E.—Additional qualified voters.~~

~~—(1) Every person who is a resident of the City of New Carrollton, who is at least eighteen (18) years of age or will be eighteen (18) years of age on or before the date of the next city election, who does not claim voting residence or claim the right to vote in another jurisdiction, and who has established and maintained a residence in the City for a period of (30) thirty~~

~~continuous days may thereby qualify and register to vote in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.~~

~~(2) D. Every qualified and registered voter of the City is entitled to vote in all City elections AND REFERENDA, and may sign nominating, referenda and other petitions authorized by this Charter. (This provision is maintained, but is promoted in the outline to become new §C-6 D.)~~

~~F. Evidence required to register for New Carrollton municipal elections. All residents seeking to register with the City must provide of of the following:~~

- ~~— (1) Foreign passport~~
- ~~— (2) Consular identification card~~
- ~~— (3) A drivers license issued in the United States and or United States territories~~
- ~~— (4) A state identification card~~
- ~~— (5) An international drivers license~~
- ~~— plus, one of the items below displaying a New Carrollton address:~~
- ~~— (6) A piece of mail or benefits statement from the federal, state, or local government postmarked within 30 days of submission for registration;~~
- ~~— (7) A bank statement dated within 30 days of submission for registration;~~
- ~~— (8) A utility statement dated within 30 days of submission for registration;~~
- ~~— (9) A residential lease agreement;~~
- ~~— (10) A title to a home;~~
- ~~— (11) An unexpired Maryland motor vehicle registration;~~
- ~~— (12) Credit card statement dated within 30 days of submission for registration~~
- ~~— (13) Telephone or cell phone bill dated within 30 days of submission for registration~~
- ~~— (14) Mortgage statement;~~
- ~~— (15) Property tax bill for the most recent tax year;~~
- ~~— (16) Medical or hospital bill dated within 30 days of submission for registration~~
- ~~— (17) Residential service contract dated within 30 days of submission for registration~~
- ~~— (18) Sales tax or business license.~~

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of New Carrollton, Maryland, at a meeting on the _____ day of _____.

Attest:

City of New Carrollton

KAITLYN SCHISLER
City Clerk

DUANE H. ROSENBERG
Chair, City Council

Date: _____

Approved for legal sufficiency:

Approved:

JASON DELOACH, ESQ.
City Attorney

PHELECIA E. NEMBHARD
Mayor

Date: _____

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Strikeouts indicate matter deleted from existing law.