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CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2007-2

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE, "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL," SUBTITLE "HOME RULE" TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT FOUND, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND (1983 EDITION AS AMENDED), AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 77 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1983, BY AMENDING SECTION 21, TITLED "CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORTS," TO EMPOWER THE CITY COUNCIL TO REQUIRE REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHERANCE OF OR OPPOSITION TO ANY BALLOT QUESTION

SECTION I WHEREAS, Section 21 of the City Charter empowers the City Council to require reporting of contributions and expenditures made in furtherance of or opposition to the nomination and election of candidates for the office of member of council; and

SECTION II WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to consider extending that requirement to reporting of contributions and expenditures made in furtherance of or opposition to any issue, principle, or proposition submitted to a vote at any city election. NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION III BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt that the Charter of the City, found, in whole or in part, in the compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 edition as amended), as prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, shall be amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 21. Campaign financial reports.

The city council, by ordinance, may provide for the reporting of contributions and expenditures made in furtherance of or opposition to (a) the nomination and election of candidates for the office of member of council and/or (b) any issue, principle, or proposition submitted to a vote at any city election; provided that no such ordinance or amendment thereto shall become effective within a sixty-day period preceding a regular election. No person shall be deemed elected to the office of member of council or enter upon the duties thereof, or receive any salary or emoluments therefrom until he or she has ~~shall have~~ filed any reports authorized herein which may

be required to be filed prior to his-taking office. Any person who fails to file reports authorized herein shall be deemed unqualified to run for election for the office of member of the council, and the city council, by ordinance, may provide that the board of elections remove the person's his name from the ballot prior to the election.

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SECTION IV BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of the adoption of this resolution is August 13, 2007, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City, as herein adopted, shall be and become effective on October 2, 2007, unless on or before September 22, 2007, a proper petition for referendum on this resolution shall be filed as permitted by law.

SECTION V BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a complete and exact copy of this resolution shall be posted at the Greenbelt City Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, until September 22, 2007, and a fair summary of the proposed Charter amendment contained in this resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Greenbelt not fewer than four (4) times at weekly intervals before September 22, 2007.

SECTION VI BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as soon as the Charter amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the City Manager shall send or cause to be sent to the Department of Legislative Reference the following information concerning this Charter resolution: (1) the complete text of this resolution; (2) the date of enactment of the Charter amendment; (3) the date of the referendum election, if any; (4) the number of votes cast for or against this resolution whether by the City Council or in a referendum; and (5) the effective date of the Charter amendment contained herein.

SECTION VII AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City of Greenbelt be and hereby is specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out or cause to be carried out the provisions of Sections V and VI.

Judith F. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

Key:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

~~Overstriking~~ indicates language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.