



Resolution 20-12  
Approving the City of New Carrollton 2020 General Election Timeline

**Effective Date: April 15, 2020**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW CARROLLTON  
APPROVING THE CITY 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TIMELINE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Charter of the City of New Carrollton, the City of New Carrollton is required to conduct its general election on the first Monday in May, 2020, which is May 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland, and the entire United States of America, is currently subject to the COVID-19 pandemic as declared by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, Governor Hogan declared a State of Emergency regarding COVID-19, and, since that date, has instituted restrictions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health recommend social distancing and avoiding gatherings. The Governor has restricted how many people can congregate in one location and has directed that the Maryland primary election date be changed to June 2, 2020 and that it be conducted as a mail-in primary election; and

**WHEREAS**, with a nominating petition deadline of Tuesday March 31, 2020 fast approaching, on Thursday March 26, 2020, the City Council of New Carrollton, desiring to reduce the threat to the health of City residents caused by transmission of the COVID-19, enacted an Emergency Ordinance suspending the City's May 4, 2020 General Election as set forth in the City Charter and City Code Election until such date as (1) the County BOE is open and able to provide the necessary support to the City in its election; and (2) all restrictions imposed by the Governor because of the COVID-19 pandemic that prevent the election from going forward at this time, as referenced herein, are lifted; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the City Council adopting the aforementioned Emergency Ordinance, the Governor of the State of Maryland issued Executive Order No. 20-03-30-03 on March 30, 2020. The Executive Order authorizes the City to suspend the effect of a provision of Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland if the municipality provides notice to the Governor and finds that such suspension will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety of the City, and is necessary to amend the date upon which a municipal election will be held or the method, conduct, or voting system of an election in a manner that ensures an accurate vote count and certification of election results; and the City has made such findings; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, the City Council, on April 15, 2020, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 20-03 amending City Charter, Sec. C-7 "Elections" and authorizing the City Council, in the event of a State of Emergency or catastrophic health emergency, to amend, suspend, revise, alter and add to the provisions of Sec. C-7 to institute voting by mail and to postpone an election in order to provide for the health and safety of City residents, voters, officials, employees, candidates and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2020, the City Council also adopted a Resolution postponing the May 4, 2020 elections; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2020, the City Council also adopted a Resolution Instituting Voting by Mail for the City's 2020 General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2020, the City Council also adopted an Emergency Ordinance adding Section 50-39 to Chapter 50 of the City Code, authorizing the suspension, alteration or amendment of any provision of Chapter 50 required in the event of the declaration of a State of Emergency or public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that holding a municipal election at polling locations during or around the time of a catastrophic health emergency would potentially expose government buildings, voters, municipal officers, employees, candidates and volunteers to the COVID 19; wanting the City election to be accessible, secure, and safe, and finding it is in the best interest of the public health and safety of the City, to provide for voting by mail in the City's 2020 General Election, the City desires to implement the aforementioned resolutions and ordinance it enacted on April 15, 2020 by adopting a revised election timeline; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Carrollton Board of Elections has approved the revised election timeline.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of New Carrollton, that the City of New Carrollton 2020 General Election Timeline attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted and approved and shall govern the City's 2020 General Election.


**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the City Council of New Carrollton on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 15, 2020**

**ATTEST:**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW CARROLLTON**

  
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Douglass A. Barber, MMC  
City Clerk

  
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Phelecia E. Nembhard, Chair  
City Council

**APPROVED:**   
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Duane H. Rosenberg, Mayor

**DATE:** April 15, 2020





## June 8, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION – VOTE BY MAIL CALENDAR

**Mon. April 20**

Candidate Registration Resumes at 8:30 a.m.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You may download an Official Election Packet from the City of New Carrollton's website at [www.newcarrolltonmd.gov](http://www.newcarrolltonmd.gov) (Government tab, then Elections). You may also pick-up a hard copy of the Official Election Packet from the Police Department Lobby. Located in the back of the City Municipal Center between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

To submit an Official Election Packet **YOU MUST** contact City Clerk Doug Barber at (301) 459-6100, or by email at [dbarber@newcarrolltonmd.gov](mailto:dbarber@newcarrolltonmd.gov) to schedule an appointment. The deadline to submit an Official Election Packet is Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

**Thur. April 30**

**CANDIDATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE (5:00 p.m.)** To run for elected office, submit the following documents, which must be complete: Candidate Affidavit, Nominating Petition of Candidates for Elective Office, the form appointing campaign treasurer, the Financial Disclosure Statement, and the first Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

**Fri. May 1**

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE (4:30 p.m.)** for registering to vote with Prince George's County Board of Elections (location noted below). You must be a resident of the City of New Carrollton and be registered to vote in order to run for office or to vote in the General Election.

**Thur. May 14**

**VOTER NOTIFICATION CARDS MAILED.** Prince George's County Board of Elections will mail to all registered voters in the City of New Carrollton an official notification (VNC Card) of the upcoming election that will also advise that this election will be done by mail-in ballot.

**Fri. May 15**

**MAIL-IN BALLOTS** to be sent to all registered voters in the City of New Carrollton.

**Thur. May 28**

**DEADLINE (12:00 Noon)** for filing of Second Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

**Mon. June 8**

**ELECTION DAY – DEADLINE (8:00 p.m.)** for receipt of mail-in ballots by the Board of Elections at the City Administrative Office, New Carrollton Municipal Center. Postmark date of ballots is irrelevant. You may also bring your Mail-In Ballot to the City Municipal Center between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**Wed. June 10**

**ELECTION CERTIFICATION (5:00 p.m.) New Carrollton Board of Elections to present official results**

**Mon. June 15**

**DEADLINE (12:00 Noon)** for filing of Third Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

**Wed. June 17**

**SWEARING-IN** of newly elected officials – 7:00 p.m., City Council Meeting, New Carrollton Municipal Center.

## How to register to vote:

- Online** You can register online at [elections.state.md.us](https://elections.state.md.us) if you have a Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card.
- By Mail** Call (301) 341-7300 to have a mail-in form sent to you.