



Resolution 18-05  
Approving Advisory Questions for the 2018 Municipal Elections

Effective: February 21, 2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON APPROVING ADVISORY QUESTIONS TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR THE 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Charter of the City of New Carrollton (“City Charter”), §C-6 “Qualifications and registration of voters” establishes qualifications for voters in City elections, one of the qualifications being that a person be at least 18 years old on the day of the election; and

**WHEREAS**, City Charter, §C-3 “Government of the City” and §C-7 “Elections,” provide for staggered terms for City Councilmembers (ie. two elected in even numbered years and three elected in odd numbered years); and

**WHEREAS**, City Charter, Sec. C-3 and Sec. C-7 further provide that City elections will be conducted on the first Monday in May; and

**WHEREAS**, City Charter, §C-3 and §C-7 provide that the term of office of each Councilmember and the Mayor shall be two (2) years; and

**WHEREAS**, City Charter, §C-19 “Referendums” authorizes the City Council, for its guidance, to provide for advisory referendum questions at a regular or a special municipal election; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to submit to the voters of the City of New Carrollton, on the ballot for the 2018 City elections, the question of amending the City Charter to (1) lower the age at which a person can vote in City elections from 18 to 16; (2) remove the requirement of staggered terms for City Councilmembers (which allow all Councilmembers and the Mayor to run at the same time); (3) move City elections from May to November of odd numbered years, and (4) change the term of office of City Councilmembers from two (2) to four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the questions posed to the electorate as provided for herein shall be advisory only.

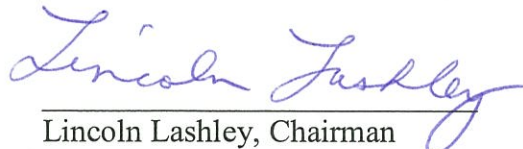
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of New Carrollton that the following advisory questions be placed on the ballot of the regular City election to be held May 7, 2018:

Should the Charter of the City of New Carrollton be amended to:

1. Change the eligible age to vote in City of New Carrollton elections from 18 years of age to 16 years of age? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Remove the requirement for staggered terms so that the Mayor and all Councilmembers are elected at the same time? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

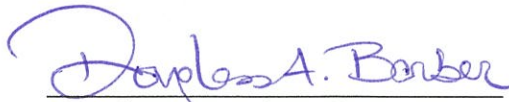
3. Move City of New Carrollton elections from May to November of odd numbered years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Change the terms of the City of New Carrollton Mayor and Councilmembers from 2 years to 4 years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.


  
Lincoln Lashley, Chairman  
City Council

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**ATTEST:**

  
Douglass A. Barber, CMC  
City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
Andrew C. Hanko  
Mayor

Date: February 21, 2018