

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**OF**  
**TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2018 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: June 12, 2018

Resolution No.: 262

Introduced by: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price

**A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND SECTION 614 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER TO LIFT THE REVENUE CAP FROM TWO PERCENT TO TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT; TO ELIMINATE THE REFERENCE TO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX; TO CLARIFY THE TERMINOLOGY FOR PROPERTIES INCLUDED ON THE TAX ROLLS; AND, TO AUTHORIZE A TEMPORARY INCREASE OF ONE CENT PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUE ABOVE THE TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT LIMIT FOR EACH OF THE FOUR FISCAL YEARS FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT**

By the Council, June 12, 2018

Introduced, read first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order,   
Susan Moran, Secretary

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**WHEREAS**, Section 805 of the Charter for Talbot County provides for voter approval of proposed amendments to the Charter; and,

**WHEREAS**, Art. XI-A § 5, Maryland Constitution provides that amendments to the Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the County Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND:**

**SECTION ONE:** That the question to adopt the following Charter Amendment appear on the ballot at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution in accordance with Section 805 of the Charter of Talbot County.

**SECTION TWO:** Subject to approval of the voters as provided in Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, that Section 614 of the Talbot County Charter be amended as follows:

<b>KEY</b>	
<b>Boldface</b> .....	Heading or defined term
<u>Underlining</u> .....	Added to Charter by Resolution
<del>Strikethrough</del> .....	Deleted from Charter by Resolution
* * *	.....Existing Charter unaffected

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**Section 614 Tax Levy and Balanced Budget**

When the county budget is finally established by the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, the Council shall thereupon levy and cause to be raised the amount of taxes required by the current expense budget and the current portion of the capital budget in the manner provided by law so that the budget is balanced as to proposed income and expenditures.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article, from and after July 1, ~~1997~~2019, revenues derived from taxes on properties ~~existing on the County real property tax rolls at the commencement of the County fiscal year~~ included in the Constant Yield Tax Rate Certification prepared by the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall not increase, compared with the previous year, by more than ~~two~~two and one-half percent, ~~or by the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) percentage of change for the latest calendar year, determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, whichever is the lesser.~~ except that, temporarily, revenues derived from such taxes may increase above the two and one-half percent limit by one cent per one hundred dollars of assessed value during each of the four fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, as follows:

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>MAXIMUM INCREASE ABOVE 2.5% LIMIT</u>
<u>2020</u>	<u>One cent per one hundred dollars of assessed value</u>
<u>2021</u>	<u>Two cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value</u>
<u>2022</u>	<u>Three cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value</u>
<u>2023</u>	<u>Four cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value</u>

Any temporary increases above the two and one-half percent limit as authorized in this Section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any increases above such limit as authorized by State law.

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**SECTION THREE:** In accordance with Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, this proposed amendment to the Charter shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution. If at the election the majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of this proposed amendment, the amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth calendar day following the election.

**SECTION FOUR:** This Resolution, if approved by 4/5 of the full Council, shall be published once a week for five (5) successive weeks prior to the election in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the County.

**SECTION FIVE:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its date of passage.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and Notice, Time and Place of Hearing, and Title of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ having been published, a public hearing was held on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bradley Meeting Room, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the second time:

Enacted:

By Order: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Williams -

Price -

Bartlett -

Pack -

Callahan -

EFFECTIVE: