

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2020 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. : May 26, 2020

Resolution No.: 287

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND § 614 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER SO THAT CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-URBAN (CPI-U), A MEASURE INTENDED TO TRACK THE COST OF GOODS IN URBAN, NOT RURAL, SETTINGS, IS NO LONGER USED IN CALCULATING THE CAP ON REVENUES DERIVED FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN TALBOT COUNTY

By the Council: May 26, 2020

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearings scheduled on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order, *Susan W. Moran*
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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WHEREAS, Section 614 of the Charter for Talbot County provides for a balanced budget and tax levy; and,

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

SECTION ONE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, 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:

KEY	
Boldface	Heading or defined term.
<u>Underlining</u>	Added to existing law by original resolution
Strikethrough	Deleted from existing law by original resolution
<u>Double underlining</u>	Added to resolution by amendment
Double-strikethrough	Deleted from resolution by amendment
* * *	Existing law unaffected

SECTION TWO: Section 614 of the Talbot County Charter be amended as follows:

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Section 614 Tax Levy and Balanced Budget

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

5 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article, from and after July 1, ~~1997~~2021, revenues
6 derived from taxes on properties existing on the County real property tax rolls at the

7 commencement of the County fiscal year shall not increase, compared with the previous year, by
8 more than two percent, ~~or by the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U)~~
9 ~~percentage of change for the latest calendar year, determined by the U.S. Department of Labor,~~
10 ~~whichever is the lesser.~~

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SECTION THREE: In accordance with Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, the question to adopt this proposed Charter amendment shall be submitted to and decided by County voters at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution. If, at the election the majority of popular 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: If the proposed amendment is approved by the voters at the election, the revised revenue cap authorized by the amendment shall become effective December 3, 2020.

SECTION FIVE: In accordance with the requirements of Maryland Constitution Article 11-A § 5 and Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and title of this Resolution No. 287 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 N. Washington St., Easton, Maryland 21601.

BY THE COUNCIL

ENACTED: July 21, 2020

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Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Pack - Aye

Divilio - Aye

Callahan - Aye

Price - Aye

Leshner - Aye

EFFECTIVE: December 3, 2020

Enacted by the County Council on July 21, 2020 and submitted to the voters at the 2020 General Election. Resolution No. 287 was approved by a majority of the voters on November 3, 2020. Therefore, the amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth calendar day following the election – December 3, 2020.