

Resolution No.: 2020-3-1
Introduced: March 19, 2020
Adopted: March 19, 2020
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THE VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY AMEND THE
ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES.**

WHEREAS, Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 5-202, as amended, grants to the legislative body of every incorporated municipality in Maryland, including the Village of Martin's Additions, general power to pass such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland or public general law as they may deem necessary in order to assure the good government of the municipality, to protect and preserve the municipality's rights, property, and privileges, to preserve peace and good order, to secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-101 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Martin's Additions establishes a Village Election Committee to manage all Village elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Village Charter, Section 602, the Election Committee shall operate according to rules and procedures adopted by the Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, in an effort to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed by the Governor within the entire State of Maryland, pursuant to Maryland Code, Public Safety Article, Title 14, and the Maryland Constitution; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor declared that the state of emergency continues and ordered that the Primary Election of April 28, 2020 be postponed to June 2, 2020, and that the State Board of Elections prepare a Comprehensive Plan for the conduct of the Primary Election, to implement measures to reasonably assure, among other things, that the public health, welfare, and safety not be endangered by the election, and that the security and integrity of the election be maintained in the casting of ballots; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that the temporary amendment of the Village election rules and procedures to allow for online or electronic voting, would help control and prevent the spread of COVID-19; assure the good government of the Village; protect and preserve the Village's rights, property, and privileges; preserve peace and good order; secure persons and property from danger and destruction; and protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the Village; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was considered in open session on March 19, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:


RESOLVED that the Election Rules and Procedures be and are hereby temporarily amended by the Village Council to allow for the 2020 election to be conducted online or by electronic means, using such election service provider as the Elections Committee shall deem appropriate and provided the integrity of the election is maintained in the casting of ballots, and it is further,

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall be filed by the Village Manager and kept available for public inspection; and

RESOLVED, that written notice of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution shall be provided to Village residents in accordance with Section 502(d) of the Village Charter, and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the foregoing Resolution shall be permanently filed by the Secretary and kept available for public inspection, and it is further,

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall expire at the end of 60 days from its effective date, per Village Charter Section 502(a).



Tiffany Cissna, Chair
Village Council

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Village Council, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council at its meeting on March 19, 2020.



Katya Hill, Secretary