

A resolution to form a committee to review, revise and extend the Code of the Town of Leonardtown, and its Charter.

R E S O L U T I O N

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WHEREAS, during the recent electoral process, the people of Leonardtown, through public forum did mandate that we, the Council, implement sound fiscal policy for the good of the people; and,

WHEREAS, during Town meetings since that election, we, the Council have found difficulty in fulfilling our invested obligation to the people of Leonardtown;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 11th day of July, 1994, by the Commissioners of Leonardtown the following:

- (1) That the Council for the good of the people of Leonardtown shall review, revise, and extend the Code of the Town of Leonardtown, and its Charter, in the form of a constitutional committee in order to develop a more perfect government in fundamental principles of democracy for the people of Leonardtown.
- (2) That the committee shall be chaired by Councilman Leon Battle, and members of the committee shall be Joseph Ernest Bell II, Dr. Herbert Winnik, Alfred B. Gough, Jr., and Michael K. Blankenship.
- (3) That the Committee shall have the right to hold hearings on any part or portion of the Code and invite testimony from public and private witnesses.
- (4) That the Committee shall make known that individuals may express their views by testifying, by providing written statements, and by allowing groups to represent their views.
- (5) That the Committee shall make a written report and recommendation to the Council and recommend for adoption of said changes in the Code and Charter as deemed warranted.
- (6) That the Committee shall act in favor of any public hearing and any other process set forth in the protocol of procedures governing said promulgation.

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Date of Adoption June 11, 1994

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN

Attest: As to Council

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July 20, 1994

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Re: Resolution

Dear Tom:

Pursuant to your request, I have reviewed the resolution concerning the formation of the committee to review, revise and extend the Code of Leonardtown, and its Charter. I feel that for me to approve its form and legal sufficiency, it would need a few revisions, including the following:

1. The second two (2) "Whereas" paragraphs are probably not relevant to the formation of the committee, as the actual purpose of the committee is to review the Code with the intention of eliminating areas of ambiguity and conflict. I doubt that there is any documentation of a public forum in which the people of Leonardtown mandated the implementation of sound fiscal policy, outside of the expectation that every governmental body should be bound by such a policy. Furthermore, the difficulty the Council has had is not rooted in the Code, but in the philosophical differences the Council members have in interpreting its provisions.

2. In paragraph (1), the review, revision and extension of the Code is not going to be in the form of a constitutional committee; rather the committee will be reviewing the Code with the intention of advising the Council on how the Code can be revised and extended so as to best implement good government.

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3. I do not understand what is being said in paragraph (6).

Please let me know what we need to do to resolve the issues I have raised concerning the resolution.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen H. Abrams".

KAREN H. ABRAMS