

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY**

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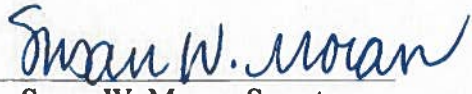
Resolution No.: 359 *AS AMENDED*

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, Mr. Stepp

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND § 614 OF THE CHARTER OF TALBOT COUNTY TO ALLOW, BUT NOT REQUIRE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY TO ADD UP TO ONE CENT (1¢) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUE ABOVE THE REVENUE CAP FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

By the Council: May 28, 2024

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order: 
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

KEY

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Underlining..... Added to existing law by resolution
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WHEREAS, Section 805 of the Charter of Talbot County (the “Charter”) provides for voter approval of proposed amendments to the Charter; and

WHEREAS, Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution provides that amendments to the Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the County Council of Talbot County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 288, adopted by a 5-0 vote of the County Council of Talbot County (the “County Council”) on July 21, 2020, and approved by a majority of the voters of Talbot County, Maryland at the November 2020 General Election on November 3, 2020, § 614 of the Charter was amended for the purpose of allowing, but not requiring, the County Council to add up to one cent (1¢) per one hundred dollars of assessed value above the revenue cap in each of the five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County Council is desirous of extending its authority to add up to one cent (1¢) per one hundred dollars of assessed value above the revenue cap for an additional five fiscal years, beginning July 1, 2026.

SECTION ONE: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, that questions to adopt the following amendments to Section 102 of the Charter appear on the ballot at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution in accordance with Section 805 of the Charter:

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

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, 2021, revenues derived from taxes on properties 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 percent, except that revenues derived from such taxes may increase above the revenue cap limit by up to one cent per one hundred dollars of assessed value in each of the ~~five to twelve~~ fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021. Any increase above the revenue cap limit authorized in this Section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any increases above such limit authorized by State law.

SECTION THREE: The above recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION FOUR: In accordance with Section 805 of the Charter, questions to adopt the proposed Charter amendments set forth herein 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 either question are in favor of the proposed amendment, such amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth (30th) calendar day following the election.

SECTION FIVE: In accordance with the requirements of Article 11A § 5 and Section 805 of the Charter, this Resolution, if approved by at least four fifths (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, Time and Place of Hearing, and Title of Resolution No. 359 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the second time:

Adopted: **June 25, 2024 *AS AMENDED***

By Order: *Susan W. Moran*
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Callahan - Aye

Stepp - Aye (via absentee ballot)

Leshner - Aye

Mielke - Aye

Haythe - Aye

Effective: **December 3, 2024**

Enacted by the County Council on June 25, 2024, as amended -- Submitted to the voters at the 2024 General Election. Resolution No. 359, as amended, was approved by a majority of the voters on November 5, 2024. Therefore, the amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth calendar day following the election - December 5, 2024.