

NOTICE OF TOWN OF RISING SUN CHARTER AMENDMENT

On February 26, 2013 the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun approved the following Charter Resolution:

Resolution 2013-04 Voter Qualifications, Registration & Public Notification, deletes certain language and adds new language, to include a new title to section C-4 of the Charter of the Town of Rising Sun as follows.

Section C-4. Voter Qualifications, ~~and~~ Registration *and Public Notification.*

~~(A)~~ *Qualified Voters.* Every person who is (1) a citizen of the United States, (2) at least eighteen years of age, (3) a bona fide resident of the Town for at least thirty days preceding any election at which he shall offer to vote ~~or who, in the absence of such residency, shall own a fee simple interest in real estate within the Town~~ is eligible to register to vote in the Town elections. ~~Voter registration books are open continuously during normal business hours, except as listed below. Qualified persons may register to vote at Town Hall during normal business hours. Voter registration books will be closed thirty (30) days prior to any town election and will reopen immediately following any Town election.~~

~~(b)– Every registered voter of the Town and every qualified resident who is a registered voter in the County, is entitled to vote at all Town elections.~~

(B) Voter Registration. All qualified persons wishing to register to vote shall do so at the Cecil County Election Board and as provided for by State Law. Any qualified persons registered and listed on the statewide voter registration list at an address within the incorporated limits of Rising Sun, shall be considered registered Town Voters and shall be eligible to vote in Town Elections. Hours of voter registration shall be in accordance to Cecil County Election Board Policy and State Law, however the final list of qualified registered voters for Town elections, as established by the Cecil County Election Board, shall be closed and final thirty (30) days prior to any upcoming Town election.

~~(c) Provisions will be made for casting votes by absentee ballots. Absentee ballots shall be obtained from the Town Clerk by any registered voter either by personal request or through the mail. All absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk no later than 4:30 P.M. on the day of the election.~~

(C) Absentee Ballots. Any qualified voter of the Town is entitled to vote in all Town elections by absentee ballot, as provided for in the charter.

(D) Notice of Voter Registration. At least two (2) successive weeks prior to the expiration of time in which qualified voters may register to vote in the upcoming election, the Election Clerk shall publish a notice of such deadline, in a newspaper of general circulation, at the Town Hall and on the Town's website.

(E) Appeals. If any person shall feel aggrieved by an action in refusing to be registered to vote or in striking the name of any person from the voter list or by any other action, such person may appeal such decision to the Board of Election Judges. The decision of the Board of Election Judges upon such appeal may be further reviewed by filing a petition for appeal in the Circuit Court for Cecil County within ten (10) days of the decision of the Board of Election Judges, but in no event may such petition be filed less than twenty (20) days prior to the election

[Note: Additions are underlined and in italics, deletions are struck through.]

This amendment becomes effective on the fiftieth (50th) day after the date of adoption, unless on or before the fortieth (40th) day after adoption a referendum petition in accordance with the provisions of Section 13(g) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, is presented to the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun. Copies of the Resolution is available at Town Hall; on the Town's Website risingsunmd.org or by calling 410-658-5353.