

CHEVERLY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SUPERVISORS

Presentation by:

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BOARD COMPOSITION

- Board is currently at full capacity:
 - Robin Kaye (Chair), 2025-2027
 - Joseph Pruden, 2025-2027
 - Christina Bruff, 2025-2027
 - David Thorpe, 2026-2028
 - Anne-Clare Frank-Seisay, 2026-2028

WHAT HAS THE BOARD BEEN UP TO?

- List of improvements to elections processes
- Prioritizing recommendations for Council consideration/action

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION

OBJECTIVE: ENSURING CANDIDATES CAN
ONLY RUN FOR ONE OFFICE IN AN
ELECTION

Concern: Town Charter does not preclude candidates for running for both Mayor and Councilmember if they 1) declare their official candidacy for one office and apply to be a certified write-in candidate for another office, or 2) apply to be a certified write-in candidate for more than one office

§ C-18.2. - Candidates.

- A. Any person desiring to be a candidate for an elective office under the terms of this subtitle shall file, not fewer than forty-five (45) days previous to the date of election, with the Ethics Commission a financial disclosure statement under oath and, with the Board of Election Supervisors, a petition under oath setting forth the following:
 - (1) That said candidate is a registered voter of the town,
 - (2) That said candidate will have attained the required age for the office he or she is seeking on or before election day,
 - (3) That said candidate has been a resident of the town for not fewer than six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election,
 - (4) The ward in which said candidate resides, and
 - (5) The name of the office sought; provided, a candidate for council shall reside in the ward where such person seeks office, and provided further that no person may be a candidate for more than one office at any one election. The board shall certify petitions meeting the terms of this section and shall cause to be given general publicity within the town the names of certified candidates with the names of the offices they seek, and shall post all of such names and offices conspicuously at the polls.

(Added by Ord. No. 1-76; Amended by Res. No. 86-5; Res. No. 88-4, § 1; Res. No. 2-91, § 1, 12-12-91)

§ C-9. - Council: Qualifications.

The councilmembers of the town must be not less than twenty-one (21) years of age on or before the date they are elected, citizens of the United States, registered to vote in the Town of Cheverly elections and shall have been residents within the limits of the town for not less than six (6) months immediately preceding the date of their election. Councilmembers must reside in the wards from which they are elected, such residency commencing either on the date of the submission of the petition for candidacy or forty-five (45) days immediately preceding the date of their election in the case of a write-in candidate. Such residency shall continue without interruption throughout their terms as councilmembers. Councilmembers may not hold any non-elected position of employment with the Town of Cheverly.

(Amended by Ord. No. 8-76; Res. No. 88-3, § 1; Res. No. C-7-01, § 1)

§ C-17. - Election authority.

For the purpose of conducting municipal elections in the Town of Cheverly, the Mayor and Town Council shall have full power by ordinance, and as hereinafter provided by this Article, not in conflict with the laws of the State of Maryland, to provide for the registration of voters for, and the conduct of town elections. All such elections shall make provision for voting by absentee ballot and for write-in candidates.

(Added by Ord. No. 1-76)

RECOMMENDATION

- Council considers drafting and adopting an amendment to the Town Charter clarifying that candidates can only be certified to run for one office per election, regardless of whether they are a certified candidate or certified write-in candidate.