

Takoma Park Board of Elections agenda  
Monday, April 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m., 7500 Maple Avenue

- 1 Call to order
- 2 Agenda approval
- 3 Presentation by Rob Richie of FairVote
- 4 Status of report on ranked-choice-voting patterns
- 5 Board business
  - a) Approval of minutes (March 12)
  - b) Vacancy
- 6 Status of 2017 election report
- 7 2020 election
  - a) City manager response on using county staff as election workers
  - b) 2016 (and possibly 2008) turnout by ward-and-precinct combinations (list to be ordered from county)
  - c) Availability of and cost of purchase of a poll book (for training)
  - d) Status of memorandum of understanding with county board of election
- 8 Continuing charter and code review
- 9 Other business
- 10 Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, May 14, 7:00 p.m., 7500 Maple Avenue

## Points in review of charter and code

- Give those qualified to register with the county but not so registered the option of registering with the city. (Board agreed on this change idea 3/9/2018.)
- Eliminate provisions for voting by released felons. (Board agreed on this change idea 3/9/2018.)
- Make charter consistent with city's use of a single Takoma-Park-only registration list. (Board agreed on this change idea 3/9/2018.)
- Define "in line at poll closing time" for side-by-side elections (where there are two lines). (Board agreed to this change idea 3/9/2018.)
- Yard sign authority requirement?
- Electioneering (poll watcher garb, advocacy for non-city candidates)?
- Harmonization with county (for side-by-side elections)? (Focus on election-day polling place activity.)
- Clear guidance on "distinguishing marks" on ballots?
- Consistent use of "Elections Board" or "Board of Elections" in code and charter (both are currently used)?
- Prohibit contributions by foreign nationals? (Federal ban said to apply to city elections.)
- Make charter consistent with practice of board (rather than "judges of the election") certifying the final result?  
Make practice consistent with charter?
- Clarity on residence requirements and moving between wards?
- Clarity on whether college students can register as Takoma-Park-only voters?

Generally: avoid incorporation of county, state, or national law by reference (so that candidates and others can use city law as a single source of information).