

Public Hearing on the City Election Date Change - the Council wants to hear from you!

In 2015, voters showed their support for having the Council consider changing the date of City elections to coincide with Maryland statewide general elections.

To enable a change to begin in 2018, the City Charter would need to be amended to: a) change the date from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years; and, b) set a one-year term for the Mayor and Councilmembers elected in 2017. Regular two-year terms would resume beginning with the November 2018 election.

With this change, in 2018, residents arriving at their polling place would check in, receive a ballot, and vote in the state election. Next, they would go to a separate room, check in, receive a ballot, and vote in the city election.

The City Council wants to hear from residents before beginning the charter amendment process. Attend the public hearing on March 1 or email your comments or questions to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.