

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION 2011 - 6**

**Resolution Opposing MC 19-11 (Montgomery County – Polling Places – Electioneering Boundaries)**

WHEREAS, Maryland Election Law provides that, at each polling place, signs stating “No Electioneering Beyond the Point” be placed so as to delineate a line around the entrance and exit of the building closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs; and

WHEREAS, the line that the signs delineate shall be located as near as practicable to 100 feet from the entrance and exit of the building; and

WHEREAS, MC 19-11, if adopted, would direct that the line be placed just 25 feet from the entrance and exit for polling places in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council believes the 100 foot line has worked well, balancing the need for candidates and their supporters to provide information to voters and the need for voters to be able to choose to enter a polling place without impediment; and

WHEREAS, the Council feels that a 25 foot line would be too close to the entrance and may discourage voters from voting, due to concerns of congestion or intimidation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park urges the Montgomery Delegation to provide an Unfavorable Report on MC 19-11 regarding electioneering boundaries.

ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter  
City Clerk