

Introduced by: Councilmember Snipper

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2012-24
ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A WARD 5 SPECIAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Ward 5 Councilmember Reuben Snipper has announced that he will resign from the City Council effective May 22, 2012, thus creating a vacancy on the Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 308 of the City Charter, if a vacancy on the Council occurs more than 240 days before the next regularly scheduled City election, then a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled City election will be held on November 5, 2013, which is more than 240 days after the effective date of Councilmember Snipper's resignation from the Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 308(b) of the City Charter specifies that the remaining members of the Council shall, by resolution, establish a date for the special election which shall be not less than 45 days nor more than 60 days from the date of the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Charter directs that the special election shall be conducted by the Council in the same manner, as far as practicable, as set forth in the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the special election to fill the Ward 5 Council vacancy shall be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall adopt an ordinance designating a convenient polling place, specifying the voting system to be used, appointing judges of election, and providing for the conduct of said special election in accordance with the City Charter.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Takoma Park this 23rd day of April, 2012.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk