Introduced by: Councilmember Male

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-54

**(Placing an advisory referendum question on the
City election ballot asking voters whether regular City elections
should be changed from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years
to coincide with Maryland statewide general elections.)**

WHEREAS, Section 612 of the *Municipal Charter of the City of Takoma Park* provides that the Council may, by resolution passed by a majority of the Council, place an advisory referendum question on the ballot in any City election; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to receive advice from City voters on whether or not the date of City elections should be changed from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years so that the City municipal elections for Mayor and Councilmembers would be on the same date as Maryland statewide elections; and

WHEREAS, the date of municipal elections is a matter over which the Council has authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND that, pursuant to Section 612, Advisory Referendum, of the *Municipal Charter of the City of Takoma Park*, the following advisory referendum question shall appear on the ballot for the November 3, 2015, City general election:

Advisory Ballot Question – Changing the Date of City Elections.

Beginning with the election in November 2018, and providing that voting rights can be maintained for City residents who are (1) 16-17 years old, (2) non-citizens, or (3) on parole or probation for a felony conviction, and that instant runoff voting and same day voter registration can be maintained, the City of Takoma Park municipal elections for Mayor and Councilmembers should be changed to the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year in order to coincide with Maryland statewide general elections.

For:_____   Against:_____

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015 BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Aye: Grimes, Male, Stewart, Seamens
Nay: Williams, Smith, Schultz
Abstain: None
Absent: None