

Introduced by: Councilmember Male

City of Takoma Park, Maryland

**Resolution 2016-36
Regarding Changing the Date of City Elections**

WHEREAS, the City Council has been exploring the option of changing the date of City elections to coincide with State and Federal general elections as a way to increase participation; and

WHEREAS, the Council has learned that it will not be possible to include City election contests on the State ballot for 2018; and

WHEREAS, there is interest in pursuing the option of changing the date and conducting the election by sharing space in the Takoma Park precincts where residents will vote in the 2018 general election; and

WHEREAS, while the majority of the Council has indicated support for changing the date through a series of hand votes, there has not been a vote on a resolution or ordinance affirming the Council's intention to continue to work towards a date change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council affirms its intention to proceed with changing the date of City elections to coincide with state and federal general elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution does not commit to changing the date if it is determined that it is not feasible or not in the best interest of the residents of Takoma Park.

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2016.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk