

## RESOLUTION NO. 20-106

### A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF QUEENSTOWN TO AMEND SECTION 19-19.1 OF THE QUEENSTOWN CHARTER TO MODIFY THE TIME FOR FILING AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE IN TOWN ELECTIONS TO TWENTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann. Local Gov't Article § 4-304 confers upon the Commissioners of Queenstown the authority to initiate proposed amendments to the Charter for the Town of Queenstown; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Queenstown have determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to amend Section 19-19.1 of the Charter for the Town of Queenstown to modify the timeframe for filing as a write-in candidate in Town elections to twenty-five days prior to the election.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Queenstown as follows:

**Section 1:** The Queenstown Town Charter, Section 19-19.1 is hereby amended as follows:

#### Section 19-19.1. Write-In Candidates.

(a) As used in this Section, the following definitions shall apply.

“Write-in candidate” means an individual whose name will not appear on the ballot but who files a certificate of nomination in accordance with subsection (b) below.

“Write-in vote” means a vote cast in an election for an individual whose name is not on the ballot for that election.

(b) A person may run in the general election for a Commissioner position as a write-in candidate provided that he or she is qualified to serve as a Town Commissioner in accordance with Section 19-4 of the Town Charter, and provided that he or she has filed a certificate of nomination with the Town Clerk-Treasurer at least ~~ten (10)~~ **twenty-five (25)** days prior to the election. A write-in candidate shall comply with all requirements imposed by the Town upon candidates running for office.

(c) In any general election, the Town Clerk-Treasurer shall count any write-in vote for a write-in candidate who has complied with the provisions set forth in subsection (b) above. A write-in vote shall not be counted unless the vote is for a