

RESOLUTION 1-20
THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE
OF COUNCILMAN FOR WARD II

Introduced By: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2019, the Mayor and Town Council voted in open session to approve the passage of Resolution 72-19 thereby declaring a vacancy in the office of Councilman for Ward II that was previously filled pursuant to the General Election held on March 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, §33-11 provides that if a vacancy on the Town Council occurs less than fifteen (15) months prior to the next election, the Council shall appoint a person qualified in accordance with Section 33-4 to fill such vacancy until the next regular election; and

WHEREAS, said §33-11 further provides that the person appointed shall reside in the same ward as his predecessor, and the appointment shall require the favorable votes of a majority of the remaining Council members; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §33-7 of the Town Charter, the Council shall be the judge of the qualifications, as contained in Sections 33-4 and 33-16, of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended a candidate to fill the vacancy and the Council hereby finds that the individual is qualified to serve out the term of office previously held by Councilperson Cynthia Mann; and

WHEREAS, the Town Ordinance Code, §14.5(a)(3)(ii) requires that an individual who is appointed to fill a vacancy in an office for which a financial disclosure statement is required and who has not already filed a financial disclosure statement shall file a statement for the immediately preceding calendar year within 30 days after appointment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council finds the following named candidate to be qualified and hereby approves and appoints Mr. Clifton Atkinson to fill the vacancy in the Office of Councilman for Ward II for the remainder of the current term which ends on or about March 17th of 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign this Resolution on behalf of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 6 day of January 2020.

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APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>	<u>YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT</u>
MUHAMMAD	<u>Yea</u>
KENNEDY II	<u>Yea</u>
NOBLE	<u>Yea</u>
BARNES	<u>NAY</u>
HINES	<u>NAY</u>
WASHINGTON	<u>Yea</u>

ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By:

Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By:

Calvin Washington, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 6 day of January 2020 with 4 Aye votes and 3 Nay votes the aforesaid Resolution 1-20 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk