

ORDINANCE NO. 707

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Lister

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DENTON TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 10, SECTION 1 OF THE DENTON TOWN CODE WITH RESPECT TO THE QUALIFICATION FOR ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS

WHEREAS, the Town of Denton is authorized by the Maryland Annotated Code to enact Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Maryland Annotated Code permits the Town to amend, supplant or modify the Town Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Denton Town Council has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to amend the Town Code with respect to the qualification for absentee voter status and to more closely follow the provisions of §9-305, Election Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

NOW THEREFORE, the Denton Town Council hereby ordains as follows:

§10-1. Qualifications for absentee voter status

(A) Application. - A voter, otherwise qualified to vote in Town elections, may request an absentee ballot by completing and submitting:

(1) an approved absentee ballot application;

(2) a written request that includes:

(i) the voter's name, residence address, and signature; and

(ii) the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if different from the residence address; or

(3) the accessible online absentee ballot application provided by the Town Board of Elections.

SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Denton Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 3: In accordance with § C3-12 of the Town Charter, this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect seven (7) days from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ENACTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

DENTON TOWN COUNCIL

Abigail W. McNinch, Mayor

Lester L. Branson, Councilmember

Dallas Lister, Councilmember

Walter Keith Johnson, Councilmember

Doncella Wilson, Councilmember

ATTEST:

Karen L. Monteith, Clerk Treasurer

Approved for legal sufficiency this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Christopher F. Drummond, Town Attorney

Date Introduced 7/2/2020

Date Amendments Introduced _____

Date Passed _____

Effective Date _____

Text that is stricken reflects language omitted from the Town Code
Text in **bold** and *italicized* reflects additions to the Town Code