

Preamble.

We the citizens of Charles County Maryland, a body corporate and politic, under the Constitution and general laws of the State of Maryland, desire to establish a home rule Charter in order to:

Gain a form of governance which is efficient in providing governmental services; Delegate independent legislative and executive authority and responsibility; Define an order of responsibility and accountability for each department; Determine an effective method to oversee activity and behavior of County employees, contractors, and elected officials; Provide for citizen input in a timely and responsive manner; Create a provision for an efficient citizen referendum; Coordinate and communicate with the independent state officers and offices in the County, such as the elected Sheriff and the elected Board of Education; and Address diversity of geo-political representation, equality of opportunity, and inclusion of all citizens of Charles County, do ordain and confirm this Charter.