

RESOLUTION NO. 13 - 10

**RESOLUTION DEFINING CHARITABLE AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS  
FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPLYING THE TERMS OF § SECTION PS 4-101  
OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS  
OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND**

WHEREAS, § Section PS 4-101 of the Public Safety Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland (hereafter "PS 4-101") requires a permit for certain outdoor activities intended for or resulting in the congregation of one hundred or more people within the limits of Worcester County; and

WHEREAS, Subsection PS 4-101(e) exempts fundraising activities conducted for charitable purposes by certain organizations, including civic or charitable organizations located in Worcester County, from the requirement to obtain a permit cited in Subsection PS 4-101(a); and

WHEREAS, the terms "civic organization" and "charitable organization" are not defined by the Public Safety Article or any other Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners find it necessary to define those terms in order to properly determine which organizations are exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit cited in Subsection PS 4-101(a);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that, for the purposes of applying the regulations contained in § Section PS 4-101 of the Public Safety Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland the terms "civic organization" and "charitable organization" shall be defined as follows:

Civic Organization – An organization shall be considered an exempt civic organization only if it is one which is considered an exempt civic league or organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. In addition, the organization shall be registered by the Maryland Office of the Secretary of State as a charitable organization or one which files as an exempt organization under the terms of the Maryland Solicitations Act.

Charitable Organization – An organization shall be considered charitable only if it is an exempt public charity pursuant to Sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. In addition, the organization shall be registered by the Maryland Office of the Secretary of State as a charitable organization or one which files as an exempt organization under the terms of the Maryland Solicitations Act.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such organizations shall be considered to be located within Worcester County only when their principal office or place of business is located within Worcester County and all funds collected by the charity or civic organization are distributed in Worcester County or where the office serves as the area, branch, chapter or similar affiliate of a State, national or international organization that is organized or has its principal place of business outside of the County and where no less than fifty percent of the funds raised for charitable or civic purposes in the County are distributed within the County.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

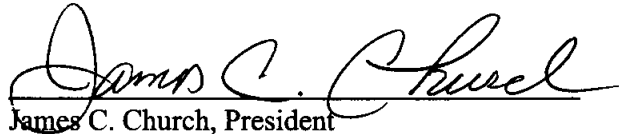
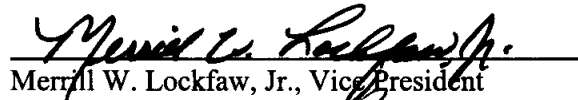
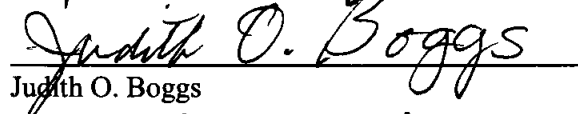
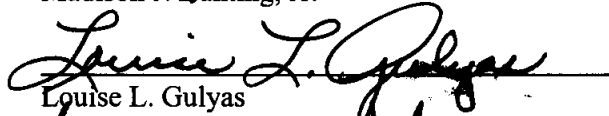
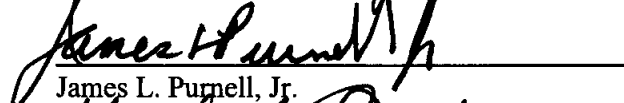
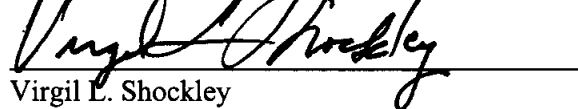
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

ATTEST:



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