

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF FEDERALSBURG  
ADOPTING AN ELECTION PLAN AND ELECTION DISTRICT MAP  
FOR THE TOWN OF FEDERALSBURG 2023 ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg have broad home rule authority to conduct elections for the Town of Federalsburg; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg have spent the last seven (7) months thoroughly reviewing the Town's election system and discussing amendments to that system; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg adopted Resolution 2023-04 which, among other things, established two election districts with two Councilmembers in each district and provided that the Mayor and Council would adopt an election district map by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, after thoroughly examining the proposed election district map submitted to the Town by William Cooper, demographer for the ACLU, the Mayor and Council determined it is in the best interest of the Town to adjust two census blocks to use major roads in Town as dividing lines between the districts which include Bloomingdale Avenue, Main Street, and Reliance Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have further determined that constituents in each election district shall have a fair opportunity to elect representatives of their choice at the September 2023 election; and

WHEREAS, to provide a fair opportunity to elect candidates of their choice at the upcoming election, the Mayor and Council have determined that all Council seats will be up for election in September 2023 such that the constituents of election District 1 shall elect two Councilmembers that reside within District 1 and the constituents of election District 2 shall elect two Councilmembers that reside within District 2; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg have determined that it is desirable and in the best interest of the Town to adopt an Election Plan and Election District Map attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF FEDERALSBURG that the Election Plan for the September 2023 election shall be as follows:

On the fourth Tuesday in September 2023 an election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the election of the Mayor and two (2) Councilmembers that reside in District 1 and two (2) Councilmembers that reside in District 2. The Councilmember from District 1 that receives the highest number of votes shall be elected to a 5-year term. The Councilmember from District 1 that receives the second highest number of votes shall be elected to a 3-year term. The

Councilmember from District 2 that receives the highest number of votes shall be elected to a 5-year term. The Councilmember from District 2 that receives the second highest number of votes shall be elected to a 3-year term. The Mayor shall be elected to a 5 year term. The terms of the Councilmembers that are elected to a 3-year term shall expire on the first Tuesday in November 2026, at which time an election shall be held for election of one Councilmember from District 1 and one Councilmember from District 2. The Councilmembers elected in 2026 shall have a four (4) year term and an election for two (2) Councilmembers each from a different district shall occur every two (2) years thereafter.

All residents seeking to become a candidate for Mayor or Councilmember shall file with the Clerk of Federalsburg by Friday, September 1, 2023, a written statement of candidacy, accompanied by a petition signed by at least 10 duly qualified voters nominating such candidate, which statement shall be substantially in the form provided in Section C2-1 of the Federalsburg Town Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Election District Map attached hereto as Exhibit 1 shall hereby be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Yea/Nay

Kimberly M. Abner, Mayor	_____
Robert Willoughby, Councilmember	_____
Edward Windsor, Councilmember	_____
Debra V. Sewell, Councilmember	_____
D. Scott Phillips, Councilmember	_____

**ATTEST:**

**MAYOR & COUNCIL OF FEDERALSBURG**

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Kristy L. Marshall, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kimberly M. Abner, Mayor