

**TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02**

**Introduced by:** Councilmember Baynes  
**Seconded by:** Councilmember Day  
**Date of Introduction:** May 2, 2016

**A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North Brentwood (the "Town") appointing and confirming a new Town Code Enforcement Officer**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 904 of the Charter of the Town of North Brentwood (the "Charter"), the Town shall have the power to employ such officers and employees as it deems necessary to execute the powers and duties provided by this Charter or other State law and to operate the Town government; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 504 of the Charter, all office, department, and agency heads and all subordinate officers and employees of the offices, departments and agencies of the Town government shall be appointed and removed by the Mayor with approval of the Council in accordance with any rules and regulations in any merit system which may be adopted by the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2015, an ordinance was passed by the Council designating and providing for the duties of the Code Enforcement Officer by adopting new Section 2-4204 of the Town Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 907 of the Charter, the compensation of all officers and employees of the Town shall be set from time to time by a resolution passed by the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has solicited applications for part time employment of a code enforcement officer an appointment of a new code enforcement official is recommended to serve as the Town's Code Enforcement Officer; and

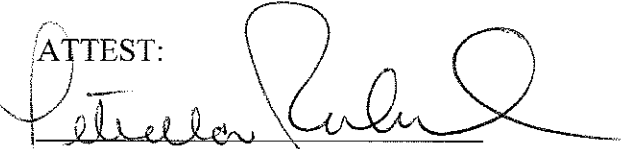
**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to approve the Mayor's appointment of said applicant subject to the terms and conditions for employment set forth in the Mayor's employment offer letter attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council hereby approves, and authorizes the Mayor to employ and appoint Martha J. Cuffie to serve as the Town's Code Enforcement Officer subject to the terms and conditions stated in said employment offer letter hereby approved by Council and any applicable laws or ordinances provided that said annual salary shall not exceed \$ 13, 520.00 (i.e., \$13.00 per hour to start) unless subsequently modified by resolution or ordinance.

**THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD THIS 2nd DAY OF May, 2016 AND SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE.**

Aye: 3  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Vacant: Ward I

ATTEST:

  
Petrella Robinson, Mayor

Date: 5/2/2016

Exhibit 1  
(Offer of Employment Letter)

**Petrella Robinson**

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**From:** Petrella Robinson  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 12:53 PM  
**To:** Martha Cuffie, mjcuffie@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Code Enforcement Officer position in North Brentwood

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that you have been selected as the new code enforcement officer for the Town of North Brentwood, Maryland. Your start date for the position is May 2, 2016. Please be present at the Mayor and Council meeting held on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 @ 7:30pm at North Brentwood Municipal Center to be sworn in.

I will be meeting with you soon to discuss work hours and projects that need to be address.

**Congratulations!**

Mayor Petrella Robinson  
Town of North Brentwood, Maryland  
301.699.9699  
301.699.1824 - fax



## RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD, MARYLAND URGING THE GOVERNOR AND MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REINSTATE STATE SHARED REVENUE WHICH HAS BEEN DIVERTED FROM MARYLAND CITIES AND TOWNS TO FUND STATE OPERATIONS; OR REQUESTING THEY PROVIDE FOR A MORE DIVERSE REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPALITIES

**WHEREAS,** the State has slashed essential State-shared revenues which historically have provided to municipal governments, on average, by more than 75% for this current fiscal year and by more than 90% for many municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** future budgets approved by the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly continue these significant and untenable cuts to cities and towns; and

**WHEREAS,** municipal governments more than any other government form in Maryland rely on the property tax as their primary general fund revenue source; and

**WHEREAS,** increases in property tax rates, cutbacks in local service provision, elimination of local road projects, and reductions in workforce are the sole options left to municipalities to offset this devastating loss of general fund revenues; and incorporated municipalities' extremely narrow taxing authority prevents them from raising alternative funds to lost highway user revenues and police aid that have been diverted to balance the state's general fund; and

**WHEREAS,** this issue is of significant importance to the Town of North Brentwood and it is critical that the Administration and Maryland General Assembly take action needed to rectify this serious problem; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the Town of North Brentwood supports the efforts of the Maryland Municipal League to reinstate lost state funding for municipal governments and to create alternative municipal funding mechanisms;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of North Brentwood requests that the Governor for this upcoming and following fiscal years, to submit a proposed budget to the General Assembly reinstating to municipal governments full funding for the highway user revenues; or the Maryland General Assembly enact and the Governor sign into law enabling legislation to significantly broaden the authority of incorporated municipalities to raise own-source revenues to reduce the reliance of cities and towns on the property tax to fund their municipal government services.  
Read and passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016

By Order Petrella A. Robinson, I hereby certify that Resolution 2016-01 is true and correct and duly adopted by the Council of the Town of North Brentwood, Maryland.

Attest/Witness:

Carl Jones  
Clerk, Carl Jones

Approved by

Petrella Robinson

Name: Petrella Robinson  
Title: Mayor (chief elected official)

Aaron Baynes  
Council - Aaron Baynes

Markel Day  
Council - Markel Day

Martha Cuffie  
Council - Martha Cuffie

Date 2/16/2015