

**Resolution No. 2014-48**

**A Resolution Requesting the Delaware General Assembly to Approve a Charter Change Relating to Election Hours Proposed by the New Castle City Council**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that provisions of the Charter for the City of New Castle relating to the hours of municipal elections should be amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, Section 6 (c)(i) of the City Charter states that on the date of an election, all polling places will open at 7:00 a.m. local time and close at 7:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of voting; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that since all elections are held on Saturdays, maintaining polling hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. will provide ample opportunity for voters to cast their ballots; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby approves an amendment to Section 6 (c)(i) of the New Castle City Charter so that such section shall read as follows:

“On the day of the election, all polling places will open at 8:00 a.m., local time and close at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of voting.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above Charter amendment shall be submitted to the Delaware General Assembly, requesting that State elected representatives approve the proposed change to Section 6 (c)(i).

**Passed this 9th day of September, 2014.**

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Linda Ratchford, City Council President

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Albert J. Vannucci, Jr., Councilperson

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Teel Petty, Councilperson

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John W. Cochran, Councilperson

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Theodore H. Megginson, Councilperson

Attest:

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Janet Wurtzel, City Clerk