

**Resolution 2018-08**

**A Resolution to Submit Proposed Charter Changes to Citizen Referendum**

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2018, City Council adopted Resolution no. 2018-04 approving certain limited scope changes to the City of New Castle Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution no. 2018-04 also included the decision by Council “that the attached proposal for changes to the New Castle City Charter shall be forwarded to the Delaware General Assembly, requesting that State elected representatives approve the proposed changes in their entirety”; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the adoption of Resolution no. 2018-04, Councilperson DiMondi proposed a new resolution to require a City wide referendum of the proposed Charter changes as permitted by 22 *Del. C.* §811, instead of requesting the Delaware General Assembly to approve the limited scope Charter changes; and

**WHEREAS**, approval of the Charter changes is permitted under Delaware law either by voter referendum or by the Delaware General Assembly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby reverses that portion of Resolution 2018-04 resolving to submit the approved Charter changes to the Delaware General Assembly; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Administrator is directed to take such action as is necessary to organize a special citizen referendum vote under 22 *Del. C.* §811 on the ratification of the Charter changes approved by City Council via Resolution 2018-04.

**Passed this 13th day of March, 2018.**

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Linda Ratchford, City Council President

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John A. Di Mondì, Councilperson

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Valarie W. Leary, Councilperson

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Michael J. Quaranta, Councilperson

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Michael M. Platt, Councilperson

Attest:

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Brian G. Whitaker, City Clerk