

Resolution 2022-15

A Resolution to Request the Governor of Delaware to Direct the State Police to Correct their Public Reporting System Regarding New Castle

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle (the “City”) is one of the most important visitor attractions in Delaware and depends on having a high quality reputation for success in attracting businesses, residents, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware State Police publicly report all crimes and criminals by Post Office address; and

WHEREAS, this means that all crimes and suspects involved in crimes located in the 19720 ZIP Code (population 59,250), the largest one in Delaware, are publicly reported as being in “New Castle” (population 5,497) to the detriment of New Castle’s reputation; and

WHEREAS, there were seven (7) such incidents this past January alone; and,

WHEREAS, none of the crimes reported by the State Police actually occur in New Castle because the New Castle City Police Department does its own reporting; and

WHEREAS, all efforts to have the State Police address this issue over 2 ½ years have failed, even though the City has suggested multiple alternatives.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council hereby resolves to bring this unfortunate situation to the attention of Governor John Carney and ask that he direct the State Police to work with the City of New Castle to correct this problem to the mutual satisfaction of both parties by July 31, 2022. Such a solution should address all types of crimes, suspects, and incidents now reported as happening in “New Castle.”

PASSED this 10th day of May, 2022

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Attest:

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