

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46

A Resolution Requesting an Amendment to the City of New Castle Municipal Charter Authorizing the City of New Castle to Levy and Collect a Lodging Tax of no more than Three-Percent (3%) and a Wage Tax of no more than One-Quarter-Percent (0.25%)

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Castle (“City Council”) is vested with all the legislative powers of the City of New Castle; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the City of New Castle in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, City Council’s ability to meet its obligations to the City of New Castle under its Municipal Charter and Delaware law depends on the presence of stable funding sources for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Castle has been evaluating different mechanisms to raise revenue for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, following a discussion at a duly noticed City Council meeting, the City Council has agreed that the following changes to the City of New Castle Municipal Charter are prudent to ensure that there remain adequate tools for the City Council to meet its present and future obligations in promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the City of New Castle.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of New Castle that the Delaware General Assembly is hereby respectfully requested to amend Section 11, Municipal Power, of the Municipal Charter of the City of New Castle, as amended, by adding text as shown by underlining as follows:

(ab) To impose and collect a lodging tax of no more than three (3) percent of the rent, in addition to the amount imposed by the State, for the occupancy of any room or rooms in a hotel, motel, or tourist home, as defined under Chapter 61 of Title 30, which is located within the boundaries of the City of New Castle.

(ac) To impose and collect a wage tax of no more than one-quarter (0.25) percent of the income of persons who are engaged or employed in any business, profession, or occupation within the City of New Castle. For purposes of this Section, “income” means the total income earned within the City of New Castle. The

imposition of a City wage tax should not be imposed on employees of the City of New Castle, the Good Will Fire Company, or Municipal Services Commission.

PASSED this 12th day of November 2024

Suzanne Souder, City Council President

Joseph F. Day, III, Councilperson

Nermin Zubaca, Councilperson

Andrew Zeltt, Councilperson

Brian Mattaway, Councilperson

Attest:

Courtaney Taylor, City Clerk