

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12

A Resolution Requesting an Amendment to the City of New Castle Municipal Charter Authorizing the City of New Castle to Levy and Collect a Tax of no more than Five Percent (5%) on the Gross Rents Generated from Property within the City

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 change to the City of New Castle Municipal Charter is 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 tax of no more than five-percent (5%) on the gross rents within the boundaries of the City of New Castle. This tax may not apply to rental properties that are directly subsidized via Federal, State, or City of New Castle rental assistance funding.

PASSED this 8th day of April 2025.

Suzanne Souder, City Council President

Joseph F. Day, III, Councilperson

Nermin Zubaca, Councilperson

Andrew Zeltt, Councilperson

Brian Mattaway, Councilperson

Attest:

Courtaney Taylor, City Clerk

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