

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-31

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 and **Short Term Rental Tax of no more than Three-Percent (3%)**

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 short term rental 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 short-term rental, as defined under Chapter 62 of Title 30, which is located within the boundaries of the City of New Castle.

RESOLVED at a regularly scheduled meeting held on _____

VOTE: _____

Attest

Clerk of Council

Mayor