

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS A PRIVATE ACT AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 2 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT RELATING TO THE TERM OF THE MAYOR; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEND THIS RESOLUTION TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that this Board does hereby request the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the citizens of Kingsport to take appropriate action to amend the Charter of the City of Kingsport as follows:

SECTION I. To amend Article III, Section 2, of said Charter relating to the term of the Mayor, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Sec. 2. - Election, term of mayor; designation of members as board of mayor and aldermen.

At the general election in August of 2026, and every four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the City of Kingsport, a mayor who shall serve a term of four (4) years beginning on the first day of September following this election. The mayor and aldermen shall together constitute the board of mayor and aldermen of the City of Kingsport.

No person shall be a candidate for the office of mayor and the office of alderman in the same election, nor shall any person hold both offices at the same time.

In the event an incumbent alderman having an unexpired term remaining to serve, shall run and be elected to the office of mayor, upon taking office as mayor the vacancy thus created in the office of alderman shall be filled as hereinafter set out in section 10 of this article.

SECTION II. That this act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a majority of the number of qualified voters of the City of Kingsport voting in an election on the question of whether or not this Act should be approved, the results of which to be proclaimed by the County Election Commissioners and certified by them to the Secretary of State as provided by law.

SECTION III. That the city manager is authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all members of the Sullivan County and Hawkins County delegations to the Tennessee General Assembly, and he is further authorized and directed to do all things lawful and to execute and deliver such documents, approved by the city attorney, as may in his discretion be necessary and desirable to implement the intent of this resolution.

SECTION IV. That the board finds that the actions authorized by this resolution are for a public purpose and will promote the health, comfort and prosperity of the citizens of the city.

SECTION V. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of February, 2024.

PATRICK W. SHULL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANGELA MARSHALL, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III, CITY ATTORNEY