



**AGENDA ACTION FORM**

**Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Private Act from the Tennessee General Assembly Amending Article III, Section 2 of the City Charter**

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-21-2024  
Work Session: January 16, 2024  
First Reading: N/A  
Final Adoption: January 16, 2024  
Staff Work By: Mayor Shull/Rowlett  
Presentation By: Mayor Shull

**Recommendation:**  
Approve the resolution.

**Executive Summary:**  
The attached resolution requests the Tennessee General Assembly to pass a private act to amend Article III, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Kingsport with regards to the Mayor’s term. The amendment would increase the Mayor’s term from two years to four years thereby matching the term of aldermen.

The resolution also call for the ratification of the private act in an election by a majority of the qualified voters of the City of Kingsport voting in said election.

The City’s Charter can only be amended by a private act of the General Assembly which must then be ratified locally either by a two-thirds majority vote of the board or by majority vote in a referendum. Ratification is a requirement pursuant to Article XI, Section 9 of the *Tennessee Constitution*. In the past, ratification has predominantly been by a two-thirds majority vote of the board.

Historically, the process to amend the Charter has been initiated through passage of a resolution by the board.

**Attachments:**  
1. Resolution

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Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—
Olterman	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Shull	—	—	—