



## AGENDA ACTION FORM

### **Consideration of a Resolution Opposing Partisan Municipal Elections**

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

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Presentation By: Chris McCartt

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#### **Recommendation:**

Approve the Resolution.

#### **Executive Summary:**

The accompanying resolution expresses the board's opposition to partisan municipal elections as contemplated by HB262/SB405 and HB561/SB1512. As currently proposed, HB262 and its companion bill in the Senate, dictates that all elections for state or local public office will be partisan. Alternatively, HB561, and its companion bill in the Senate, as currently proposed, dictates that municipal elections be partisan upon the request of at least one county primary board.

Since its creation in 1917, City of Kingsport has elected its Board of Mayor and Aldermen through non-partisan elections. These non-partisan elections have afforded the harmony, growth, and prosperity the city has experienced over the last 100 plus years. It is deemed that no further qualification is required to produce dedicated and outstanding leadership for the city other than an individual be a qualified voter of the city who has resided within the city for at least one year as established by Article III, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Kingsport. Further, the election for Board of Mayor and Aldermen must not be dictated the county primary board. It is deemed best for the continued harmony, growth, and prosperity of the city that its elections remain non-partisan.

#### **Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. HB262
3. HB561

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