

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TERMS OF OFFICE AS SET FORTH IN THE CHARLOTTE CITY CHARTER AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Charlotte, NC, after due deliberation and study has, pursuant to authority contained in Part 4 of Article 5 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, agreed to propose to the voters that be an amendment to the terms of office of the Mayor and Members of City Council as set forth below.

**WHEREAS**, Section 160A-101 of the North Carolina General Statutes specifically grants the authority to change terms of office of the Mayor and members of City Council and to have those terms expire on different years.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Charlotte as follows:

**SECTION I: PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Change the Mayor’s term of office from two (2) years to four (4) years.

Change the terms of office of all members of City Council from two (2) years to four (4) years.

Stagger the terms of office by having those terms of office expire on different years:  
\_\_\_\_\_[explanation of staggered terms of office, including grouping of officials]\_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION II: MANNER OF TRANSITION FROM EXISTING STRUCTURE**

During the general election in 2021, the \_\_[group 1 of officials]\_\_\_\_\_ shall be elected for four-year terms, and the \_\_[group 2 of officials]\_\_\_\_\_ shall be elected for two-year terms.

During the general election in 2023, the \_\_[group 2 of officials]\_\_\_\_\_ shall be elected for four-year terms.

At all subsequent elections, the Mayor and all members of Council shall be elected for four-year terms.

**SECTION III: DATE OF REFERENDUM**

A referendum shall be held and conducted by the Board of Elections on November 5, 2019 on the amendment proposed in Section I above.

**SECTION IV: PROPOSITION TO VOTERS – FORM OF BALLOT**

The proposition to approve the amendment set forth in Section I above shall be printed on the ballot in substantially the following form:

“Shall the ordinance increasing the term of office for the Mayor and members of City Council from two-year terms to four-year terms be approved?”

( ) YES

( ) NO

If a majority of votes cast on the proposition are in the affirmative, the structure stated in the proposition shall be put into effect as provided in Section II of this Resolution. If the majority of votes cast are in the negative, this Resolution and the structure proposed herein shall be void.

**SECTION V: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

A public hearing on the charter amendments is hereby set for \_\_\_\_\_, 2019. The City Council shall vote on the proposed City Charter amendments at a regularly scheduled meeting not more than sixty (60) days from the public hearing.

Adopted this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.