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CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
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RESOLUTION No. 20-0127-01

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DELAWARE CITY REGARDING THE
POWER TO RAISE REVENUE**

WHEREAS, at present, the City Charter of the City of Delaware City ("City") does not expressly provide for a tax on rent derived from operating a park for recreational vehicles, load or truck campers, camping trailers, travel trailers, trailers, mobile homes or motorhomes ("RV Park"); and

WHEREAS, a tax on rent derived from owning and operating a RV Park would operate similarly to a lodging tax, which numerous towns and cities are requesting charter amendments to expressly allow the imposition thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City have determined that Article VI, Section 6-06 of the City Charter should be amended to expressly provide for the authority to impose a tax on rent derived from operating an RV Park; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens if Article VI (Finances and Indebtedness), Section 6-06 (Power to Raise Revenue) of the Charter be amended to add a new subsection G which shall read as follows:

G. The Mayor and Council shall have the right to impose a tax of no more than three (3) percent of the gross rental income, in addition to any amount imposed by law, for any lot operating a park for recreational vehicles, load or truck campers, camping trailers, travel trailers, trailers, or motorhomes, which is located within the boundaries of the City of Delaware City.

WHEREAS, a draft underlining the proposed revisions to the existing Charter is attached hereto as Exhibit A and a clean copy of the proposed revision to the Charter is attached hereto as Exhibit B;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Delaware City hereby resolve and request that the General Assembly of the State of Delaware adopt the revised Charter attached hereto as Exhibit B forthwith and further resolve that adoption of the revised Charter is in the best interests of the City and its citizens.

This Resolution is passed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Delaware City on this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Paul H. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

John P. Buchheit, III, Councilmember

Elizabeth Konkus, Councilmember

Robert Malinowski, Councilmember

Chase E. Renoll, Councilmember

Margaret C. Titus Councilmember

Britney Loveland, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

Sec. 6-06. Power to Raise Revenue.

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