

Wilmington, Delaware  
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**#0191**

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington City Charter requires any person desiring to serve

**Sponsor:**

as a member of Council to be at least twenty-five (25) years old at the time of election;

**Council  
President  
Congo**

and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington City Council proposes to amend the Wilmington

**Co-Sponsor:**

City Charter to lower the minimum age requirement of a member of Council to twenty-

**Council  
Member  
Darby**

three (23).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL** that pursuant to Title 22, Section 811 of the Delaware Code, this Council proposes to amend Section 2-103 of the Wilmington City Charter by adding the underlined language and deleting the stricken language to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-103. Qualification of councilmen.**

A councilman shall be a citizen of the United States, shall be a qualified elector of the city and shall have been such for at least one year prior to his election. No councilman shall hold any other city office or employment during the term for which he was elected to the city council. A councilman shall not be less than ~~twenty-five (25)~~ twenty-three (23) years of age when elected to office. He shall remain a resident of the councilmanic district from which he was elected during his term of office. If a councilman shall cease to possess any of these qualifications, including in the case of a councilman elected from a councilmanic district, residence in the district from which he was elected, or if he shall violate any expressed prohibition of this Charter, or if he be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, his office shall immediately be forfeited and become vacant. A

councilman shall be deemed to have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude upon his conviction in superior court of the State of Delaware, or by an inferior court if its decision is not appealed to the superior court. A member charged with conduct constituting grounds for forfeiture of his office shall be entitled to a public hearing on demand. The council shall be the sole judge of the qualifications and election of its members and for this purpose shall have power to subpoena witnesses and require the production of records.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-103 lowering the minimum age requirement of those desiring to serve as members of Council from twenty-five (25) to twenty-three (23).