

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Darby

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 22, Section 811 of the Delaware Code, a municipal corporation's home rule charter may be amended by act of the Delaware General Assembly passed with the concurrence of two-thirds of all members elected to each House thereof; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it appropriate to amend the Wilmington City Charter to impose term limits for members elected to the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Council respectfully requests the members of the Delaware General Assembly to amend Section 2-100 of the City of Wilmington Charter with the addition of the underlined language to read as follows:

Sec. 2-100. - Number, terms and salaries of council members.

Council shall consist of twelve (12) members, of whom eight (8) shall be elected from councilmanic districts and four (4) from the city at large, and the president of the council, who shall be elected by the people from the city at large. The terms of council members shall be four (4) years, or until their successors have been elected and take office, commencing on the first Tuesday in the month of January following the year in which they were elected, except that a council member elected to fill a vacancy shall serve only the balance of the unexpired term. No council member shall be eligible for election for more than three (3) terms in each representative capacity; council member elected from a councilmanic district, council member at large, and president of the council. Each council member shall receive a salary at the rate of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) per annum, or such other sum as the council shall from time to time ordain, but the annual salary shall not be increased during the current term of council

members enacting such ordinance. No change shall be made in the compensation of members of the city council during the final six (6) months of the terms of the members of the city council. The president of the council shall receive, in addition to the sum paid the council members, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per annum. The president of the council shall preside over meetings of the city council and shall have the same rights and duties including the right to vote and speak therein as other members.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution requests the Delaware General Assembly to amend Section 2-100 of the City Charter to impose a term limit for City Council members of not more than three (3) terms in each representative capacity; council member elected from a councilmanic district, council member at large, and president of the council.