

Wilmington, Delaware
January 15, 2026

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

Sponsor:

to be at least twenty-five (25) years old at the time of election; and

**Council
Member
Darby**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council proposes to amend the Wilmington City Charter to lower the minimum age requirement of the Mayor to eighteen (18).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that pursuant to Title 22, Section 811 of the Delaware Code, this Council proposes to amend Section 3-300 of the Wilmington City Charter by adding the underlined language and deleting the stricken language to read as follows:

Sec. 3-300. Mayor.

The mayor shall have been a resident of the city for at least two (2) years preceding election, shall be at least ~~twenty-five (25)~~ Eighteen (18) years of age at the time of his election and shall remain a resident during the term of office.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 3-300 lowering the minimum age requirement of those desiring to serve as Mayor from twenty-five (25) to eighteen (18).