

Wilmington, Delaware
September 17, 2026

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Owens**

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 8-204, every department, board, and commission may accept on behalf of the City a gift of an interest in real estate with authority from Council so to do; and

WHEREAS, since approximately 1973, the City has operated and maintained Eastlawn Playground, which is situated on portions of two parcels of land located in New Castle County outside of the geographical limits of the City, neither of which is owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, the parcels of land on which Eastlawn Playground is located are (i) 3505 Governor Printz Boulevard, Wilmington, Delaware 19802 (being Tax Parcel No. 06-148.00-005) (the “3505 Property”), which is owned by Wilmington Governor Printz Blvd LLC (the “Owner”), and (ii) 211 East Thirty-Eighth Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19802 (being Tax Parcel No. 06-148.00-004) (the “Delmarva Property”), which is owned by Delmarva Power and Light Company; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Eastlawn Playground located on the 3505 Property consists of a basketball court (the “Basketball Court”), as depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein, and the portion of Eastlawn Playground located on the Delmarva Property consists of a playground and picnic tables; and

WHEREAS, the 3505 Property is approximately ten acres, and the Owner intends to subdivide it to make the Basketball Court a standalone parcel separate from the rest of the 3505 Property; and

WHEREAS, once the 3505 Property has been subdivided, the Owner desires to donate the Basketball Court to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to accept the donation of the Basketball Court once the 3505 Property has been subdivided; and

WHEREAS, City Council, upon the recommendation of the Department of Parks and Recreation, wishes to authorize the City to accept the donation of the Basketball Court from the Owner once the 3505 Property has been subdivided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the City is hereby authorized to accept the donation of the Basketball Court (being a portion of the 3505 Property identified as Tax Parcel No. 06-148.00-005), as further depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein, from the Owner once the 3505 Property has been subdivided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the donation of the Basketball Court from the Owner to the City, including any and all further undertakings and assurances as may be appropriate.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 14th
day of September, 2026.


Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the City to accept the donation of a portion of the property located at 3505 Governor Printz Boulevard, Wilmington, Delaware 19802 (being Tax Parcel No. 06-148.00-005) once the property has been subdivided. The donated property has been and will continue to be operated and maintained by the City as a basketball court, which is part of Eastlawn Playground.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) has reviewed and analyzed this Resolution, which authorizes the City to accept the donation of a portion of the property located at 3505 Governor Printz Boulevard once the property has been subdivided. OMB has also consulted with the Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the anticipated fiscal impact of the City taking ownership of the property.

Because the portion of the property being donated is located outside the City limits, the City does not currently receive property tax revenue from the parcel and therefore will not experience a loss of property tax revenue as a result of accepting the donation. In addition, because the Parks and Recreation Department currently maintains Eastlawn Playground as part of its existing operating budget, ongoing maintenance of the donated property is expected to be manageable within existing departmental resources. However, according to the Department, there will be a one-time cost of about \$3,600 for the removal of the temporary fencing surrounding the basketball court once the City takes ownership of the donated property.

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EXHIBIT A

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Depiction of Basketball Court

