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CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
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RESOLUTION No. 17-1115-01

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMEND THE
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DELAWARE CITY RELATING TO THE POSITION OF
TREASURER**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Delaware City, Delaware, ("City") have determined that Article VII, Section 7-04 of the Charter of the City should be amended;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 7-04 of the Charter requires that the City Treasurer "keep a true, accurate and detailed account of all monies received and all monies paid out by the City in all its activities and for all its departments, offices and agencies; shall preserve all vouchers and financial records, but under a records disposal program and schedule approved by the Mayor and Council, may periodically destroy such records and vouchers";

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 7-04 of the Charter requires that the City Treasurer "make such reports at such time as the Mayor and Council and City Manager shall direct and which shall keep the City Government and the public informed of the financial condition of the City";

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 7-04 of the Charter requires that the City Treasurer "shall have such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter, by law or by ordinance" and "shall be custodian of all funds of the City, and shall deposit them on a regular basis in banking institutions located in the City, as designated by the Mayor and Council";

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 7-04 of the Charter provides "[t]he books, records and accounts of the City Treasurer shall be open at all times to inspection by the members of the

Mayor and Council and the public under such regulations as the Mayor and Council may prescribe”;

WHEREAS, the City intends to modify the role and responsibilities of the City Treasurer such that the City Treasurer will no longer have such responsibilities as are currently described in Article VII, Section 7-04 of the Charter. The City will instead establish the position of Finance Manager, which shall assume many of the functions previously performed by the City Treasurer;

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer will now monitor the City Manager and other City employees who perform functions related to the finances and accounting of the City, and shall review all expenses submitted City employees who perform such accounting functions. The City Treasurer may also review and sign checks of the City, review supporting information relating to City expenditures, review and approve finance reports submitted to the City Council, and consult with and assist the Auditor as necessary.;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens if Article VII, Section 7-04 of the Charter is amended to provide that the City Treasurer thereafter monitor the City Manager and other City employees who perform functions related to the finances and accounting of the City;

WHEREAS, a redlined copy highlighting the proposed revisions to the existing Charter is attached hereto as Exhibit A and a clean copy of the proposed revisions 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 20th day of November, 2017.

(Signature Page Follows)

ATTEST:

David L. Hanna
City Secretary

Stoney E. Green
Mayor

Natalie Greene
Council Member

Paul D. Frazier III
Council Member

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Council Member

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Betty Bantz
Council Member

EXHIBIT A

Section 7-04. City Treasurer

B. The Mayor shall appoint with the advice and consent of a majority of all members of Council an officer of the City who shall have the title City Treasurer. The City Treasurer shall be appointed at the first regular Council meeting in April or organizational meeting for a term of two (2) years. The City Treasurer shall ~~keep a true, accurate and detailed account of all monies received and all monies paid out by the City in all its activities and for all its departments, offices and agencies; shall preserve all vouchers and financial records, but under a records disposal program and schedule approved by the Mayor and Council, may periodically destroy such records and vouchers.~~ monitor the City Manager and other City employees who perform functions related to the finances and accounting of the City, and shall review all expenses submitted by City employees who perform such accounting functions. The City Treasurer may also review and sign checks of the City, review supporting information relating to City expenditures, review and approve finance reports submitted to the City Council, and consult with and assist the Auditor as necessary. The City Treasurer shall ~~make such reports at such time~~ maintain a record of all regularly prepared financial reports and such other financial statements as the Mayor and Council and City Manager shall direct and which shall keep the City government and the public informed of the financial condition of the City. ~~The City Treasurer shall have such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter, by law or by ordinance. The City Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the City, and shall deposit them on a regular basis in banking institutions located in the City, as designated by the Mayor and Council. The books, records and accounts of the City Treasurer shall be open at all times to inspection by the members of the Mayor and Council and the public under such regulations as the Mayor and Council may prescribe. The City Treasurer may be removed from office by the Mayor and three (3) members of Council or four (4) members of Council.~~

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