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To: City Council

Through: City Manager

From: Assistant City Manager

Subject: **Resolution Requesting State Legislative Action to Amend City Charter – Article VI Schools**

At its October 27, 2025 meeting the City Council discussed and approved seven changes to the Poquoson City Charter, Article VI, pertaining to the School Board. The following are the seven changes:

1. Change “trustees” to school board members.
2. Remove stale language relating to the initial establishment of the school board for the City of Poquoson.
3. Set term limit of two full terms. Clarify that time served to complete a partial, unexpired term does not count toward the two full term limit.
4. Change term length from (3) three years to (4) four for all future full-term appointments.
5. Prohibit moving appointees between district and at-large positions.
6. Change board composition from (2) district representatives per precinct and one at-large seat to (7) seven at-large seats. Specify that the changes from a precinct-specific position to at-large shall occur at the time of the next full-term appointment for each respective district.
7. Formalize the informal practice that persons appointed to the school board may not also serve on another City board, committee or commission.

Since the October 27, 2025 meeting, the City Mayor has provided Senator Diggs and Delegate Thornton the proposed changes as approved by City Council at its October 27, 2025 meeting. It has been determined through Senator Diggs’ office that a public hearing is required based on Code of Virginia Section 15.2-202.

Tonight for your consideration are the same seven changes along with the required public hearing.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO AMEND CITY
CHARTER-ARTICLE VI SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has granted the Poquoson City Council the ability to request amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, City Council identified possible changes to the Article VI pertaining to School Board; and

WHEREAS, City Council through Resolution #5390 voted on October 27, 2025 to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of request to our state Senator and Delegate on behalf of Council asking them to patron the necessary bills during the upcoming General Assembly Session reflecting the Council's consensus regarding the proposed changes;

WHEREAS, City Council held a public hearing on January 26, 2026 pursuant to Section 15.2-2102 of the Code of Virginia which speaks to a public hearing in lieu of election;

WHEREAS, City Council held a second vote on January 26, 2026 to consider those changes initially voted for on October 27, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Poquoson City Council does hereby endorse the proposed modification to the Poquoson City Charter to, and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Mayor is directed to continue to work with the members of Poquoson's General Assembly delegation to seek and support their respective sponsorship of specific charter amendment legislation before the upcoming General Assembly session.

ADOPTED: _____

TESTE: _____

City Clerk