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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWES, DELAWARE, PROPOSING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LEWES, CHAPTER 197 ZONING CODE BY CREATING SECTION 197-78.1 TREE DENSITY REGARDING REQUIRING TREES ON PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS, Title 22, Chapter 3, Section 301 of the Delaware Code provides that "[f]or the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals or the general welfare of the community, the legislative body of cities and incorporated towns may regulate and restrict the height, number of stories and size of buildings and other structures, percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of yards, courts and other open spaces, the density of population, and the location and use of buildings, structures, and land for trade, industry, residence or other purposes";

WHEREAS, Section 38 of the City's Charter provides that "[f]or the purpose of protection against fire, promoting health, safety, morals or the general welfare of the community, the City Council is hereby empowered to adopt ordinances to regulate and restrict the height, number of stores [sic], size of buildings and other structures, the density of population and the location and use of buildings, structures, and lands for trade, industry, residence or other purposes";

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lewes have deemed it desirable to consider revising, Section 197-91 Administrative review; appeal of administrative decisions and determinations and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem it desirable to consider the question of whether it is in the public interest to amend Chapter 197 Zoning of the municipal code, as aforesaid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council, in session met, a quorum pertaining at all times thereto, that a public hearing shall be held on______, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Margaret Rollins Community Center at 101 Adams Ave. Lewes, Delaware, 19958 to consider the question of whether it is in the public interest to amend the municipal code, as follows:

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 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard at said public hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager be and is hereby directed to cause a notice which shall consist of a true copy of this Resolution, in full or by title only, to be published in an official newspaper of the City of Lewes or a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date set forth in this Resolution for the public hearing.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be and is hereby directed to post a notice and agenda of said public hearing at City Hall more than seven (7) days prior to the date set forth in this Resolution for the public hearing. Adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lewes I, Timothy Ritzert, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Lewes, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the Mayor and City Council at its meeting on <u>Sellenger</u> il <u>1013</u>, at which a quorum was present and voting throughout and the same is still in full force and effect. Secretary of the City Council the City of Lewes