RESOLUTION NO. 21-____

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE'S LOCAL DELEGATION TO THE N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUE A MODIFICATION TO THE LOCAL ACTS SETTING FORTH THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, the Asheville School Board was created in 1931, pursuant to Chapter 149 of the Private Laws of the North Carolina General Assembly of that year, with amendments having been made on numerous occasions by the North Carolina Legislature; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1931, the membership of the Asheville School Board has been filled by appointments made by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, there are only two school boards in the State of North Carolina, including Asheville's, whose members are appointed by the municipality's governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Asheville City Council recognizes the importance of the citizens and parents ability to have a say in the election of the representatives on the Asheville School Board and, therefore, respectfully requests that the appointment process of the Asheville School Board be amended to relinquish the appointing duties of the Asheville City Council and instead allow for the members to be elected by the citizens in accordance with provisions of law relating to such election and in accordance with the laws governing general elections in the State of North Carolina as the same shall be applicable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Asheville requests that its local delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly consider amending the selection process for membership on the Asheville School Board to allow for all members of the Asheville School Board to be elected by residents of the Asheville City Schools District;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Asheville recommends that the Asheville School Board elections be based on four-year terms, with no member serving more than two (2) consecutive full terms without an intervening period of four (4) years.

Read, approved, and adopted this 9th day of March, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney