RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is a member of the Metropolitan Transit Commission established in 1999 between the City of Charlotte and six surrounding towns, and is supportive of providing a diverse roadway infrastructure and public transportation options to its residents; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is a regional economic engine with over 1.2 M residents and one of the fastest-growing metro areas in the country, attracting new businesses, jobs, tourism, and people every day; and

WHEREAS, our regional growth creates regional transportation needs that include managing the inevitable increase in vehicle trips, maintaining healthy air quality, reducing emissions and congestion; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is the center of the Piedmont region with roughly half of our collective employment base commuting from outside the county; and

WHEREAS, the transportation decisions we make today will shape the future of our municipalities, county, region, and state; and

WHEREAS, substantial federal grant funding is available for investment in transportation network infrastructure, which requires a percentage match of local funding to utilize; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte agrees there is a need for a one cent sales tax for investments in roadway and public transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and a majority of the surrounding towns desire that the North Carolina General Assembly pass legislation authorizing the citizens of Mecklenburg County to decide by referendum whether they will approve a sales tax for investment in roadway and public transportation systems.

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Charlotte City Council:

- 1. Hereby supports the coalition of local jurisdictions in Mecklenburg County to seek authorization from the North Carolina General Assembly authorizing the voters of Mecklenburg County to determine by referendum whether they will approve an additional sales tax for further investment in roadway and public transportation systems.
- 2. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

Adopted this 3rd day of September 2024

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 3rd day of September 2024, the reference having been made in Minute Book 159 and recorded in full in Resolution Book 55, Page(s) 322-323.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this 3rd day of September 2024.

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Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk, MMC, NCCM