

CITY OF LACONIA

In the Year of Our Lord two thousand and nineteen

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LACONIA CITY CHARTER TO AMEND ARTICLE I BY ADDING SECTION 1:05

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia as follows:

1. At its August 30, 2021, meeting the Laconia City Council moved to schedule a public hearing on September 13, 2021 to gather public input on a proposed charter amendment to the Laconia City Charter. The Council proposed that an additional paragraph be added under Article I, which requires a Charter change.
2. The language proposed to be added is as follows: *“The six wards shall be constituted to have as equal population as is practicable. To achieve that goal, starting upon the issuance of the results of the 2020 census, and every 10 years thereafter upon receipt of the federal census results, the City Council shall promptly initiate review of the ward boundaries to determine if redistricting is necessary. Any necessary changes to the ward lines shall, as near as is practicable, ensure that the wards have equal population.*

If the City Council determines that ward redistricting is necessary upon receipt of the federal census results, then the City Council shall promptly undertake and enact such redistricting of ward boundaries in the form of an ordinance, which shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of all elected members of the City Council after a duly advertised public hearing posted in two public places at least seven days in advance of such hearing.

Any changes so enacted shall thereafter appear as revisions to Charter Section 1:02.”

4. The Laconia City Council hereby approves the proposed language addition as set forth above and moves it forward through the Charter amendment process to the voters at the Municipal Election in November 2021.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage

Andrew Hosmer, Mayor

Passed and approved this _____, 2021

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk