

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF  
THE CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL AND  
THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ADOPTING THE CHARGE FOR  
THE CHARTER COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Charlotte City Council and the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners created the Political Consolidation "Committee of Six"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee of Six, by Memorandum dated June 2, 1994, proposed 12 Consolidation Principles, including a Procedure and Schedule for City/County Consolidation, as set forth in said Memorandum; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 11, 1994, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners adopted the Consolidation Principles and the Procedure and Schedule for City/County consolidation as contained therein; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 25, 1994, the Charlotte City Council adopted the Consolidation Principles and the Procedure and Schedule for City/County Consolidation as contained therein; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 22, 1994, the Charlotte City Council adopted a Joint Resolution creating a charge for the 12 person "Charter Drafting Committee"; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 7, 1994, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners adopted said Joint Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Board of Commissioners appointed members to the 12 person Charter Drafting Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 8, 1995, the Charter Drafting Committee presented to the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners, in joint meeting, a Preliminary Charter for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Metropolitan Government and associated companion legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 20 and June 26, 1995, the Mecklenburg County Commission and the Charlotte City Council adopted a resolution requiring the Charter Drafting Committee to continue its work and include a process to require a mandated \$4,000,000 savings each year for 5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Drafting Committee has completed this additional work; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Board of Commissioners have each concluded that it is appropriate to continue the process outlined in the Procedure and Schedule for City/County

Consolidation by creating a 25 member Charter Commission and adopting a charge to guide the work of the Charter Commission; now, therefore,.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Charlotte City Council and the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners that a 25 member "Charter Commission" is created, with its members to be appointed as outlined in the Procedure and Schedule for City/County Consolidation, and that each will appropriate sufficient funds to support the work of the Charter Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following shall be the charge to the Charter Commission:

- (1) The Charter Commission shall publicize throughout Mecklenburg County the proposal to consolidate the City of Charlotte with Mecklenburg County as contained in the Preliminary Charter for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Metropolitan Government and associated companion legislation prepared by the Charter Drafting Committee;
- (2) The Charter Commission shall hold a series of three to five public hearings, a least one of which is to be televised, if practical, on the proposal to consolidate the City of Charlotte with Mecklenburg County as contained in the Preliminary Charter and associated companion legislation so as to secure the public's comments and reactions;
- (3) The Charter Commission shall present in its public hearings the three representation plans considered by the Charter Drafting Committee (8 districts/3 at-large; 6 districts/5 at-large; 6 districts (with 2 each)/6 at large);
- (4) The Charter Commission shall make any changes to the Preliminary Charter and companion legislation which it deems appropriate in light of the public's comments and reactions;
- (5) The Charter Commission shall present any revisions to the Preliminary Charter and necessary companion legislation which it deems appropriate, as well as a summary of the public's comments, to the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners, and
- (6) Once the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners have approved the same version of the Preliminary Charter and companion legislation, the Charter Commission is authorized to direct the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections to place before the public on November 5, 1996 a referendum on the proposed consolidation of the City of Charlotte with Mecklenburg County.

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ADOPTED by the Charlotte City Council on the 11th day of  
September, 1995.  
ADOPTED by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners on  
the 5th day of October, 1995.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

H. M. ...  
City Attorney

Brenda R. Freeze  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

M. A. Bethune  
County Attorney

Janice Staise  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Brenda R. Freeze, 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 11th day of September, 199 5, the reference having been made in Minute Book 108, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 34, Page(s) 5-7.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 14th day of September, 199 5.

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Brenda R. Freeze, City Clerk