



## RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CENTRALINA CHARTER AND BYLAWS

**WHEREAS,** Centralina Regional Council is one of 16 regional councils in North Carolina, authorized by the General Assembly to address regional issues and opportunities by offering planning, coordination, program management, advocacy, and technical assistance services; and

**WHEREAS,** Centralina's Charter notes that the organization was created for the region's local governments to "consult among themselves to act in concert and to jointly exercise the powers of local government with reference to regional matters affecting health, safety, welfare, education, transportation, recreation, economic conditions, regional planning or regional development"; and

**WHEREAS,** Centralina attorneys from Shumaker, Loop, and Kendrick have advised that this statement in the Centralina Charter indicates that the organization performs an "essential government function" consistent with Internal Revenue Code Section 115(1), which specifies tax exemption for income derived from such a function; and

**WHEREAS,** Centralina's income is not exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 115(1), however, because the Charter and Bylaws do not specifically prohibit a private party from benefitting or having an interest in the organization's earnings or assets; and

**WHEREAS,** Centralina attorneys have advised that Centralina's income will be eligible for a federal income tax exempt status if the organization amends its Charter and Bylaws to explicitly provide that no private party may benefit or have an interest in Centralina's earnings or assets, and that upon dissolution, those assets will be distributed solely to Centralina member governments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Delegates of Centralina Regional Council amends the organization's Charter Resolution as follows (underlining indicates additions and strikethroughs indicate deletions):

ITEM IX, Section J:

No private party may benefit or have an interest in Centralina's earnings or financial assets.

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ITEM XII, Section B:

The Council may be dissolved at the end of any fiscal year only (1) upon adoption of a dissolution resolution by three-fourths of the governing bodies of all governmental units, or (2) the withdrawal from the Council of all but one of the member governmental units. ~~If such dissolution is effected by resolution of the member governments, such resolution shall specify the method of liquidating~~



the Council's assets and liabilities. If such dissolution is occasioned by withdrawal of all but one member, the remaining governmental unit shall have the power to liquidate all assets and liabilities and it shall then distribute the net proceeds, if any, Upon dissolution, the Council's financial assets will be distributed solely to those members who paid the latest annual assessment and in the same proportion. Any deficit shall be the responsibility of those member governments who would have received the net proceeds, and in the same proportions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Centralina Regional Council amends its Bylaws as follows (underlining indicates additions):

Article X: Financial

G. Financial Interest and Distribution of Assets: No private party may benefit or have an interest in the Council's earnings or financial assets. Upon dissolution of the Council, its financial assets will be distributed solely to the member governments that paid the latest annual assessment and in the same proportion.

Adopted this 9th day of February, 2022.

Bobby Compton, Centralina Regional Council Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Kelly Weston, Clerk to the Board