

RESOLUTION NO. 15-177

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REDISTRICTING REFORM

WHEREAS, the current redistricting process creates a conflict of interest – as State legislators are effectively choosing their own constituents; and

WHEREAS, the redistricting process should be conducted in an open manner with real opportunities for public dialogue and feedback, not behind closed doors; and

WHEREAS, legislative incumbents often draw districts that are not compact and split communities of interest; and

WHEREAS, important principles such as the protections of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 and respect for neighborhoods and cities should be clearly listed for a Commission to abide by; and

WHEREAS, voters are more likely to participate when they feel that their vote will count and that they have a reasonable chance of electing candidates who represent their interests; and

WHEREAS, elected officials are more responsive to constituents when voters have a choice of candidates, thus increasing accountability and serving the best interests of the voters on North Carolina;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The State of North Carolina should establish an independent redistricting process that ensures diversity, partisan balance and geography, for all future redistricting.

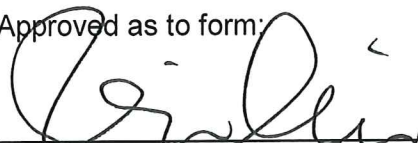
Read, approved and adopted this 8th day of September, 2015.



City Clerk



Mayor

Approved as to form:


City Attorney