## Office of the Mayor City of High Point North Carolina

## RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, House Bill 205 Legal Notices/Newsprint has been introduced to the NC General Assembly to modernize publication of legal advertisements and notices; to create a pilot program to authorize certain counties to post legal advertisements and notices on the county website; and to amend provisions of certain benefits for newsprint employees; and,
- WHEREAS, the current law requires cities publish notices in local newspapers for items such as ordinances, budgets, notices of public hearings and audits. The law was written many years ago, prior to the use of the internet and social media; and,
- WHEREAS, this antiquated requirement is costing taxpayers money to publish information that is not reaching as many citizens as could be notified through web-based options; and,
- WHEREAS, the City of High Point has an active website along with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. It is now feasible to notify the public via the governing body's website as it privies notification to a larger audience.
- **NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and High City Council supports the passage of House Bill 205 to modernize publication of legal advertisements and notices; to allow Guilford County and any municipality in Guilford County to use electronic means to provide public notice in lieu of publications.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.

William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor

