



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08**

1 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES**  
2 **TO THE DOWNTOWN DOVER PARTNERSHIP**

3 **WHEREAS**, Exception “E” to section 2-425 of the City Code permits the city council to donate a  
4 parcel of excess land to a non-profit organization when it is in the best interest of the city; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the city owns various parcels that are integral to the plans for downtown  
6 redevelopment, as set forth in the “Capital City 2030; Transforming Downtown Dover Master  
7 Plan”, incorporated by reference herein, and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Downtown Dover Partnership is a 501c/6 non-profit organization. The Downtown  
9 Dover Partnership is committed to driving an improved quality of life for the residents and visitors  
10 of Dover, Delaware, through collective collaboration, economic development, and promotion of  
11 downtown Dover’s unique historic properties. It is charged with the responsibility of guiding,  
12 directing, and implementing the plan; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Downtown Dover Partnership, through its President and Executive Director, have  
14 written the City Manager requesting that the city donate nine (9) city-owned parcels to the  
15 Downtown Dover Partnership to facilitate the massing of parcels for multi-modal use and future  
16 mixed-use redevelopment; and

17 **WHEREAS**, such parcels are identified below:

18	Address	Parcel ID	Current Use
19	S. Governors Ave	ED05-077.09-02-12.00	Parking lot
20	145 S Governors Ave	ED05-077.09-02-08.00	Parking lot
21	124 S Bradford Street	ED05-077.09-02-21.00	Parking lot
22	128 S Bradford	ED05-077.09-02-22.00	Parking lot
23	132 S. Bradford Street	ED05-077.09-02-23.00	Parking lot
24	136 S Bradford Street	ED05-077.09-02-24.00	Parking lot
25	222 W Reed Street	ED05-077.09-01-36.00	Vacant lot
26	105 S New Street	ED05-077.09-01-37.00	Vacant lot
27	115 S New Street	ED05-077.09-01-43.00	Vacant lot

28 **WHEREAS**, the transfer by donation to the Downtown Dover Partnership is declared to be in the  
29 public interest as the parcels will support current and planned initiatives to revitalize Dover’s  
30 historic downtown. The City’s interests are recognized by Dover’s participation in the Downtown  
31 Dover Partnership Board and service on its committees.

32 **NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Dover authorizes the City Manager and the  
33 City Solicitor to effectuate the transfer of the requested parcels to the Downtown Dover  
34 Partnership, subject to the following conditions:

- 35 a) The Downtown Dover Partnership assumes maintenance, responsibility, and control over  
36 the parcels, ensuring that they will be kept in good condition and routinely policed to  
37 minimize inappropriate use,
- 38 b) Both parties agree that such parcels are to be used for redevelopment in accordance with  
39 the “Capital City 2030” plan,
- 40 c) All redevelopment projects will be in accordance with all then-current City of Dover  
41 codes and ordinances,
- 42 d) The parcels will revert to the city, if requested by action of the City Council, if not  
43 committed to use in accordance with the plan in 5 years from the date of donation,
- 44 e) The Downtown Dover Partnership assumes all costs (fees, recording, taxes, etc.) at  
45 settlement, and all future costs, including but not limited to taxes and fees, insurance, and  
46 maintenance, and
- 47 f) The donation is subject to official action of acceptance by the Downtown Dover  
48 Partnership Board of Directors.

49 ADOPTED: \*

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ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN  
MAYOR

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DAVID L. ANDERSON  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

52 Actions History

53 06/11/2024 – Scheduled for Introduction-Council Committee of the Whole – Legislative, Finance and  
54 Administration Committee