CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL No. 1889-26

SESSION OF 2026

Approved on first reading	Members of City Council:	Approved on final reading
This day 8th of Jan. 20 26	BEITER, PULIZZI, YODER, MIELE MILLIKEN, MACKEY, KATZ	This day 22 of Jan. 20 26

AN ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT PLACING A GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION QUESTION ON THE 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT AND DESIGNATING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON SAID COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City of Williamsport is a City of the Third Class in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Lycoming County, having adopted the Optional Third Class City Charter Law, and governed by the Mayor-Council Plan A form of government; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Williamsport wishes to place before the residents of the City of Williamsport a Government Study Commission question on the ballot for the 2026 Primary Election presently scheduled for May 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Williamsport also wishes to designate the number of persons to serve on the Government Study Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Enacted and Ordained by the City Council of the City of Williamsport as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Williamsport hereby directs that the following question be placed on the ballot for the 2026 Primary Election: "Shall a Government Study Commission of seven members be elected to study the existing form of government of the City of Williamsport, to consider the advisability of the adoption of a home rule charter, and if advisable, to draft and to recommend a home rule charter?"

SECTION 2. Pursuant to §2912 of the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, the government study commission of seven members shall be elected by the qualified voters at the same election the question is submitted to the electors.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to 53 Pa.C.S.A. §2911 of the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, the City Clerk is hereby directed to, within five days after the final enactment of this Ordinance, file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Lycoming

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County Board of Elections together with a copy of the question to be submitted to the electors at the 2026 Primary Election.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to 53 Pa. C.S.A. §2952 of the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, the City Clerk is hereby directed to advise the Lycoming County Board of Elections to post a Notice of the Election of the question of a Government Study Commission in each polling place on the day of election and the Clerk of the City of Williamsport shall be responsible for arrangements to publish a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in Lycoming County once a week for three consecutive weeks during the period of 30 days prior to the 2026 Primary Election.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions insofar as they are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded.

SECTION 6. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this Ordinance; it being the intent of the City of Williamsport that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. The City Solicitor, City Clerk, and all other proper officers of the City are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the directives set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after its final passage.

This Ordinance is approved this 22nd day of Jan., 2026.

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Council Pres.

Derek Slaughter
Mayor

Denise M. Franks
City Clerk