

RESOLUTION NO. 10 –

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE
SEEKING ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES,
AT THEIR OPTION, TO SPONSOR A PUBLIC FINANCING PROGRAM
FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, public financing programs that encourage small donations, voter participation, and voluntary spending limits are present at the federal and state level, including in North Carolina statewide judicial and executive branch elections;

WHEREAS, public financing programs free candidates from the burden of fundraising and allow elections to be "voter-owned";

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill successfully implemented a public financing pilot program in 2009;

WHEREAS, a North Carolina city or town could not implement such a program unless State law is changed to give local governments the authority to pursue this option; and

WHEREAS, authorizing municipalities the option to elect to sponsor a public financing program for their elections would allow a municipality to determine whether this method is appropriate for its community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greenville that it does hereby respectfully request the North Carolina General Assembly, through the delegation representing the House and Senate districts of which Greenville is a part, to enact legislation that gives municipalities, at their option, the authority to sponsor a public financing program for their elections.

This the 1st day of March, 2010.
Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:
Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk