



# TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH

Recinded  
By Res. 59

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RESOLUTION NO. 58

William H. Rutherford  
Town Manager

**WHEREAS**, the 1995 Delaware Violent Crimes Compensation Board Twenty-first Annual Report statistically documents that the Alderman's Courts in Newark, Delaware, and the Town of Dewey Beach have significant criminal caseloads that adversely impact the Delaware Court of Common Pleas; and

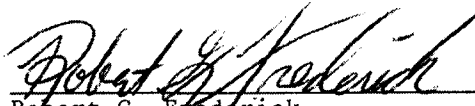
**WHEREAS**, Delaware Code, Volume 7, Title 11, Chapter 5303 presently exempts criminal cases from being transferred from the Newark Alderman's Court to the Court of Common Pleas.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, that at the May 11, 1996 Dewey Beach Town Council Meeting the Commissioners voted to recommend that Delaware Code, Volume 7, Title 11, Chapter 5303 be amended as follows:


"The accused in all criminal cases in which there is a possibility that a period of incarceration or the maximum fine of \$15.00 or more may be imposed where a Justice of the Peace or Alderman or Mayor of any incorporated city or town, except the City of Newark and the Town of Dewey Beach, in the county where the charge is brought has jurisdiction and power to hear and finally determine the matter, may elect at any time prior to day of trial to have the case tried by the Court. (11 Del. C. 1953, Subsection 5303; 59 Del. Laws, Chapt. 133, Subsection 3; 61 Del. Laws, Chapt. 207, Subsection 1; 63 Del. Laws, Chapt. 398, Subsection 1)."

This amendment is intended to increase the efficiency of the Dewey Beach Alderman's Court and the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

Enacted this 11th day of May, 1996.

  
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Robert G. Frederick  
Mayor

Attest:

  
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William H. Rutherford  
Town Manager