

RESOLUTION NO. 23-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO VOICE THEIR SUPPORT OF AN INLAND PORT IN THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, the construction and operation of the inland port on the Cumberland River in Ashland City, Cheatham County will provide significant economic and environmental benefits to the citizens of Cheatham County, the Town of Ashland City, and the State of Tennessee for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, a multi-modal, multi-commodity inland port would be the first of its kind in the state and would quickly become a critical part of state and local transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Ashland City's advantageous geographic position presents the ideal location for an inland port as the proposed site is within 10 miles of two major interstate highway systems and is primed for additional rail service via the Nashville and Western Railroad; and

WHEREAS, an inland port in Ashland City would help alleviate congestion and wear and tear on Tennessee's roads, diverting thousands of trucks from traveling millions of miles per year; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the Town of Ashland City and Cheatham County would benefit economical from said port; and

WHEREAS, an inland port will help create a more reliable and sustainable supply chain for the entire state of Tennessee and will alleviate some of the import service delays that have occurred in recent years on the west coast; and

WHEREAS, barging is the most sustainable and safest form of multi-modal transportation, offering an impactful way to lower congestion, mitigate expensive transportation costs, and reduce air pollution all while preserving the natural beauty the river provides to the Town of Ashland City; now therefore

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town of Ashland City Tennessee supports the development of an inland port in the town of Ashland City, Tennessee and endorses and encourages The Industrial Development Board of Cheatham County's efforts to secure the state funding necessary to aid in offsetting a portion of the project's capital costs therefore ensuring this project becomes a reality for the Town of Ashland City and Cheatham County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Tennessee, the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the Cheatham County State Legislative Delegation, and The Industrial Development Board of Cheatham County.

Approved this the 10th day of October, 2023.


Voting in favor 5

Voting against 2

Attest:



Mayor



Interim City Recorder