

R-19-07

A RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS O. BAGLEY

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen deems it appropriate to pass this resolution honoring Thomas O. Bagley, former City Attorney for the City of Fayetteville; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley was born in 1929 in Fayetteville, Tennessee, the son of Charles F. and Jimmie Higgins Bagley; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley served in the United States Naval Reserve; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia in 1951; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Washington & Lee University in 1953; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley was admitted to practice law in the State of Tennessee in 1953 and was further admitted to practice law in the State of Virginia and before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley engaged in the private practice of law with Robert W. Stevens beginning in 1953 and later with Robert W. Stevens and R. Whitney Stevens, Jr. in the firm of Stevens, Bagley & Stevens until his retirement in 2002; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley is a member and Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Association and a member and past-President of the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Bar Association; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley represented the citizens of the City of Fayetteville and Lincoln County as a member of the 81<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the Tennessee House of Representatives from 1959 to 1960; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley served the State of Tennessee as a member of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee; and

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Fayetteville appointed Thomas O. Bagley to the position of City Attorney on November 5, 1956; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley provided sound and steady guidance to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Fayetteville for over 41 years until his retirement from the position of City Attorney on December 31, 1997, making him one of the longest-serving municipal attorneys in the State of Tennessee; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley served the City of Fayetteville as Judge of the Municipal Court; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley was a member of the Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association and served as its President; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley was instrumental in bringing Amana Refrigeration and other industries to the City of Fayetteville; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley is a member of the Fayetteville Rotary Club where he has served as President and has been the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley is a member of the Board of Directors of Amana's Foerstner Scholarship Foundation; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley was a member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Union National Bank; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley served his community as a member of the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Airport Commission; and

Whereas, in 2009, Thomas O. Bagley served the City of Fayetteville as a member and Vice-Chairman of the City Charter Advisory Panel tasked with updating the Charter of the City of Fayetteville; and

Whereas, in 2012, due to the untimely death of City Attorney Jim Hereford, Thomas O. Bagley heeded the call of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and agreed to provide assistance to the City of Fayetteville until a new city attorney could be appointed; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley has been married to Peggy Bagley for 65 years, and is the father of Lee Ann Dawkins and Tom Bagley and the grandfather of Lauren Navarrete, Katie Barrett, Owen Bagley, William Bagley Lauren Northern and Shane Dawkins; and

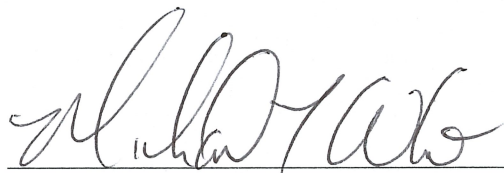
Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley is a lifelong member of Fayetteville First Presbyterian Church where he has served in many capacities including Deacon, Elder and Trustee of the church; and

Whereas, Thomas O. Bagley is a man of great integrity who has devoted his life to service to others and his community. He is known to many as a friend and a wise and steady counselor.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of Board of Mayor and Aldermen honor Thomas O. Bagley, former City Attorney for the City of Fayetteville, and thank him for his service to the City of Fayetteville and its citizens; and

Be it further resolved by this Board of Mayor and Aldermen that this resolution of respect and esteem be spread upon the minutes of the Board and that a copy be forwarded to Thomas O. Bagley.

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.



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MICHAEL T. WHISENANT  
Mayor