Resolution Relating to

VERMONT LAKE MONSTERS

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the year Two Thousand Twenty ………………………………………………………………………

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, Major League Baseball (MLB) is currently considering a plan that would effectively eliminate 42 minor league franchises across the country after the 2020 season; and

WHEREAS, our Vermont Lake Monsters are one of the teams that would likely face elimination if this plan is implemented by MLB; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Lake Monsters provide the opportunity for many young baseball fans in Burlington, as well as the region and the state, to see professional baseball, creating many new fans of America’s pastime; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Monsters, in addition to professional baseball, provide great and affordable entertainment to families across the region, and they are a family-friendly franchise; and

WHEREAS, having the Lake Monsters in Burlington, Vermont has a positive effect on our economy in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, having professional minor league baseball in Burlington Vermont is good for baseball and for building a stronger sense of community just as it is in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, eliminating these 42 minor league teams, including our Vermont Lake Monsters, would be a short-sighted decision by MLB, would hurt our communities’ economies, and would deprive fans of all ages from enjoying a beautiful night of baseball on a warm summer night; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has signed on to the Mayors’ Task Force to Save Minor League Baseball;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burlington City Council urges Major League Baseball to abandon this ill-conceived plan which will do harm to our community and will in fact be bad for the game of baseball; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if MLB does not abandon this plan, we encourage our Congressional delegation as well as all of Congress to take whatever steps necessary to discourage implementation of this plan including potentially revisiting Major League Baseball’s anti-trust exemption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, the Vermont Congressional delegation, and the Vermont Lake Monsters.