

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2019**

**SESSION LAW 2019-24  
HOUSE BILL 9**

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER CITY TO  
AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPOINT A POLICE CHIEF.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 3.22 of the Charter of the City of Bessemer City, being Chapter 1018 of the 1989 Session Laws, as amended by S.L. 2018-6, reads as rewritten:

"Section 3.22. **Powers.** The city manager shall be the chief administrator of the City. He shall be responsible to the Council for administering all municipal affairs placed in his charge and shall have the powers and duties set out in the applicable provisions of the General Statutes. However, the city manager shall not have any authority to hire or fire the city ~~attorney or the police chief.~~ attorney."

**SECTION 2.** Section 3.72 of the Charter of the City of Bessemer City, being Chapter 1018 of the 1989 Session Laws, as amended, reads as rewritten:

"Section 3.72. **Police Chief.** ~~The City Council may~~ city manager may appoint a police ~~chief to serve at its pleasure, shall prescribe his duties, and fix his compensation.~~ chief. The police chief shall serve at the pleasure of the city manager and shall have the duties prescribed and the compensation fixed by the city manager."

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

s/ Philip E. Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

