

COMP-2013-0001 (as amended)

BILL NO. G-13-11-21

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. G-_____

AN ORDINANCE deleting and replacing a portion
of Section 153.07 of Chapter 153 "Planning and Development"
of the City of Fort Wayne Municipal Code

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

WHEREAS, Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne adopted a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Fort Wayne (Plan-it Allen), in accordance with the statutes of the State of Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2013, the Common Council adopted Resolution No. R-64-13, which initiated the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to include the goals and policies of the Bus Fort Wayne Plan, to be adopted, included as Exhibit 1 herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to amend Section 153.07 to recognize the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission in accordance with the Planning Statutes of the State of Indiana held a public hearing on the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council amended the goals and policies of the Bus Fort Wayne Plan in Bill No. R-13-09-05 and adopted the amendment in Resolution R-97-13; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is to establish in City Code an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to include the goals and policies of the Bus Fort Wayne Plan, as amended, to be adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The current Section 153.07 of Chapter 153 (Planning & Development) subsection (I) of the Code of the City of Fort Wayne is hereby deleted and replaced with the following subsection:

- (I) Bus Fort Wayne Plan. The Comprehensive Plan (Plan-it Allen) is amended by adding the goals and policies of the "Bus Fort Wayne Plan" as set forth in that plan, and as approved in R-97-13, as amended, as amended.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Carol T. Helton, City Attorney

City of Fort Wayne Common Council

DIGEST SHEET

Department of Planning Services

Title of Ordinance: Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan
Case Number: COMP-2013-0001 (as amended)
Bill Number: G-13-11-21
Council District: all

Introduction Date: November 12, 2013

Plan Commission
Business Meeting Date: November 18, 2013

Next Council Action: Ordinance will return to Council after recommendation by the Plan Commission

Synopsis of Ordinance: A request to repeal and replace G-21-13 which was to amend the City of Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan by including the goals and policies of the Bus Fort Wayne Plan. **This ordinance includes the amendments made to the Plan, as approved by Common Council on October 24, 2013 in R-97-13.**

Location: Within the jurisdiction of the City of Fort Wayne.

Applicant: City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division

Related Petitions: none

Effect of Passage: The overall goal for the *Transportation Chapter* of the Allen County-Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan, Plan-it Allen! states “**An integrated transportation system that ensures accessibility, safe and efficient movement and connectivity through all parts of the County and region, and accommodates a range of transportation choices such as public and paratransit, high-speed rail, pedestrian, bicycle, vehicular and horse-drawn.**” The Bus Fort Wayne plan was produced in response to goals, objectives and strategies presented in the Transportation chapter of Plan-It Allen. Approval of this ordinance will add the goals and policies of the Bus Fort Wayne plan to the City Code, thereby completing and clarifying the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

Effect of Non-Passage: The City of Fort Wayne will further delay action intended to implement the goal as well as several related objectives and action steps established for transportation by the City of Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan, Plan-It Allen.

Exhibit 1

Bus Fort Wayne Goals and Policies – As Amended

Overall Goal

Lay the foundation to grow and improve the community's public transit system in order to increase public transit ridership, and to establish public transit as a viable, preferred transportation choice.

Network and Services Goal:

Enhance and maintain the public transportation network and levels of services to increase ridership and connectivity within the community.

Policy 1: Allocate various levels of transit resources and services within the community so that they are proportional to primary destinations and population densities.

Policy 2: Seek funding and resources to establish and maintain 30 minute service frequency as the minimum baseline for all fixed bus routes within the next 5 years.

Policy 3: Work toward the provision of 15 minute service frequency for fixed bus routes in high density/primary rider destination areas within the next 10 years.

Policy 4: Work toward the expansion and extension of service hours and days for urban, rural, and countywide transit provider.

Policy 5: Increase ridership by maximizing the use of available urban, rural, and other county-wide transit resources to improve the predictability, connectivity, and reliability of service.

Policy 6: Provide safe pedestrian access to all fixed route bus stops.

Policy 7: Pursue and support a regional/multi-county transit system.

Education and Outreach Goal:

To promote and encourage a positive perception of public transit services that results in broader transit use in the community.

Policy 1: Provide educational information and programs that address common misunderstandings about using transit, and promotes the economic, health, and environmental benefits of public transit.

Policy 2: Establish partnerships to develop marketing programs that enable public transit providers and their advocates to deliver information and to market incentives directly to prospective transit riders.

Legislation Goal:

To encourage and support legislation and policy adoption that enables the implementation of the Bus Fort Wayne Plan.

Policy 1: Encourage the **review and update** ~~development~~ of regulations and incentives for the incorporation of public transit facilities and pedestrian connectivity within and between existing and proposed development projects.

Policy 2: Encourage the revision of codes and ordinances to promote infill development and ~~direct new development~~ **that takes into consideration** ~~toward appropriate~~ locations at higher densities to support public transit.

Policy 3: Develop and support adoption of a Complete Streets ordinance along with design standards that comply with Federal ADA standards, to ensure that all streets are built and maintained appropriately to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit users of all ages and abilities.

Policy 4: Promote urban, rural, and regional public transit through the establishment of partnerships and legislative relationships at the local, state and federal levels.

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Bus Fort Wayne Plan – Council Amendment to Request

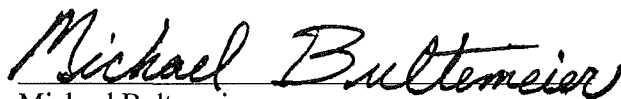
APPLICANT: City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division
REQUEST: To amend “Plan-it-Allen” Comprehensive Plan by including the goals and policies of the Bus Fort Wayne Plan
LOCATION: City of Fort Wayne
LAND AREA: City of Fort Wayne

SITE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Site Committee is recommending that the goals and policies of the Bus Fort Wayne Plan, as amended, be returned to Common Council for their adoption or rejection as an amendment to the City’s Plan-it Allen Comprehensive Plan with a “Do Pass” recommendation.

1. Approval of the request will be in compliance with City of Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan, and should not establish an undesirable precedent in the area. The proposed amendment fits within and furthers the goals, objectives and strategies of the Plan-it Allen Comprehensive Plan.
2. Approval of the request will not have an adverse impact on the current conditions in the area, or the character of current structures, design or uses in the area.
3. Approval is consistent with the preservation of property values in the area.
4. Approval is consistent with responsible development and growth principles based on existing uses, contextual design, and infrastructure in the area.
5. Approval will further the goal of providing a better, safer and more connected public transportation system in Fort Wayne, Allen County, and the region.
6. Approval will benefit the health, safety, convenience, economy and environment for all citizens of the City of Fort Wayne, Allen County and the regional community at large.

These findings approved by the Fort Wayne Plan Commission on November 18, 2013.



Michael Bultemeier
Secretary to the Commission