

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDER
AN EQUITABLE DIVISION OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS ON STATE-ENABLED
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne is united in the American tradition of distinct and co-equal branches of government, providing checks and balances; and

WHEREAS, the Executive branch is led and managed by the Mayor and the Legislative branch is the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is designated by the State as the Fiscal Body; and

WHEREAS, in the course of governance, there is often the need for boards and commissions to do work and offer approvals on policy that may or may not need an additional approval by either the executive or legislative/fiscal body; and

WHEREAS, since these boards often have specific roles, responsibilities, and powers that are connected to governance, it is expected that there are appropriate checks and balances on their decision making and policy making powers; and

WHEREAS, with many boards and commissions, the enabling body is the Indiana General Assembly and the authority to appoint to these boards and commissions has been granted exclusively to the executive, even when there are legislative and fiscal impacts of the decisions of these boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, to ensure accountability and responsible government, a more equitable division of appointments is the responsible course of action.

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

SECTION 1. That the Common Council formally requests that State Legislators who represent the Fort Wayne-area begin to evaluate how to remedy the inequalities in board and commission representation between the executive and legislative bodies. This includes, but is not limited to re-evaluating boards and commissions created in Indiana State Code, as outlined in Exhibit A.

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Russ Jehl, Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Joseph G. Bonahoom, Attorney for City Council

Exhibit A – Board Appointment Breakdown

Board	Code Citation, where available	Mayor	City Council
Airport Authority	8-22-3	4	0
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	7.1-2-4	1	0
County Parks and Rec	36-10-3-4.2	1	0
Regional Sewer District	13-26-11-15	2	0
FW Parks	36-10-4-3	4	0
Board of Public Safety	36-7-9-6	5	0
Board of Public Works	36-7-9-6	3	0
Board of Zoning Appeals	36-7-4-902	3	1
Capital Improvement Board	36-10-8-4	3	0
FW Economic Development Commission	36-7-12-5	3	1
FW Housing Authority	36-7-18-5	7	0
County Board of Health		3	0
FW Council on Homelessness	HUD Directed	??	1
Hospital Authority		5	0
NE IN Workforce Investment Board		??	??
NE IN Regional Coordinating Council		??	??
FW Plan Commission	36-7-4-207	5	1
PTC/Citilink		3	4
Redevelopment Authority	36-7-14.5-8	3	0
Redevelopment Commission	36-7-14-6.1	3	2
Stormwater Management	8-1.5-5-4	3	0
Urban Enterprise Association (SEED)	5-28-15-13	6	4
Urban Transportation Board		1	0
TOTAL		68	14