

AN ORDINANCE adding 33.004: “Mayoral Appointee Term Limits” in Chapter 33: Departments, Boards, and other Administrative Bodies of the Fort Wayne Municipal Code of Ordinances to include term limits for appointments

WHEREAS, the Fort Wayne City Council has implemented term limits to govern appointments made to certain boards and commissions within the City Council appointment process; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne has more appointments than Council, and can therefore provide greater opportunities to residents to be involved with the governance of their community; and

WHEREAS, some boards and commissions require specialized skills and/or membership in a political party or other organization or the Mayor is required by code to appoint a person who holds a certain job; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the process of board and commission appointments engages diverse members of the community, and brings new voices into the local government to ensure that all members of the community feel connected to governmental activities; and

WHEREAS, to ensure parity in board makeup, it is essential that all appointees abide by the same set of rules, regardless of appointing body.

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

SECTION 1. Add section 33.004 “Mayoral Appointee Term Limits” as follows:

(A) **Term Limits.** Mayoral appointees to boards and commissions shall be subject to a limit of two (2) consecutive terms, (said term as defined by code or policy), on the same board or commission. An appointee may be re-appointed to the same board or commission after not serving on said Board or commission for a period of one (1) term.

(B) Other Parameters for Appointees and Term limits

1. Appointees to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Internal Audit Committee shall not be subject to the term limits set forth in herein. However, when positions become available for those aforementioned excluded boards, the Mayor should use the opportunity to consider nominating candidates who enhance board diversity

2. The prescribed term limits and other provisions contained herein, are applicable to any appointee (except those excluded in section B 1 herein) having served two (2) complete terms as of 1/1/2024

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2 3. If a candidate cannot be identified within sixty (60) days of the previous
3 appointment's expiration, the Mayor may re-appoint a person for a third (3rd)
4 consecutive term
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6 4. A candidate may sit for additional term(s) if that candidate is the current Chair or
7 President of the board or commission and/or removal of the candidate would
8 cause irreparable harm to the board or organization due to unforeseen
9 circumstances
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11 5. For boards and commissions that have specific positional appointment
12 requirements, dictated by state or local code, the positions that are specifically
13 referenced in code are excluded from the term limits herein
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15 **SECTION 2.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after any and all necessary
16 approval by the Mayor.
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20 Jason Arp, Council Member
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26 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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