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3 **AN ORDINANCE adding 33.004: “Mayoral Appointee Term Limits” in Chapter 33:**
4 **Departments, Boards, and other Administrative Bodies of the Fort Wayne Municipal Code**
5 **of Ordinances to include term limits for appointments**
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Fort Wayne City Council has implemented term limits to govern
8 appointments made to certain boards and commissions within the City Council appointment
9 process; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne has more appointments than Council,
12 and can therefore provide greater opportunities to residents to be involved with the governance of
13 their community; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, some boards and commissions require specialized skills and/or membership
16 in a political party or other organization or the Mayor is required by code to appoint a person who
17 holds a certain job; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the process of board and commission appointments
20 engages diverse members of the community, and brings new voices into the local government to
21 ensure that all members of the community feel connected to governmental activities; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, to ensure parity in board makeup, it is essential that all appointees abide by
24 the same set of rules, regardless of appointing body.
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26 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
27 **FORT WAYNE, INDIANA,**
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29 **SECTION 1.** Add section 33.004 “Mayoral Appointee Term Limits” as follows:
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31 (A) **Term Limits.** Mayoral appointees to boards and commissions shall be subject to a limit
32 of term limits as follows:
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- 34 1. For appointments carrying a one (1) year term a limit of four (4) consecutive
35 terms on the same board or commission
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- 37 2. For appointments carrying a two (2) or three (3) year term, a limit of two (2)
38 consecutive terms on the same board or commission
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- 40 3. For appointments carrying a four (4) year term one term on the same board or
41 commission
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43 (B) **Other Parameters for Appointees and Term limits**

- 44 1. An appointee may be re-appointed to the same board or commission after not
45 serving on said Board or commission for a period of one (1) term.

- 1 2. Appointees to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Internal Audit Committee
2 shall not be subject to the term limits set forth in herein. However, when positions
3 become available for those aforementioned excluded boards, the Mayor should
4 use the opportunity to consider nominating candidates who enhance board
5 diversity.
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7 3. This ordinance is applicable to any appointee that has exhausted the term limits as
8 identified in subsection A of the Section 33.004 of the Fort Wayne Code as of
9 1/1/2024. If a candidate cannot be identified within sixty (60) days of the previous
10 appointment's expiration, the Mayor may re-appoint a person for an additional
11 term.
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13 4. A candidate may sit for additional term(s) if that candidate is the current Chair or
14 President of the board or commission and/or removal of the candidate would
15 cause irreparable harm to the board or organization due to unforeseen
16 circumstances.
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18 5. For boards and commissions that have specific positional appointment
19 requirements, dictated by state or local code, the positions that are specifically
20 referenced in code are excluded from the term limits herein.
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23 **SECTION 2.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after any and all necessary
24 approval by the Mayor.
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28 Jason Arp, Council Member
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32 Glynn Hines, Council Member
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34 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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