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ORDINANCE 09-24

TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL" -
Re: Adding BMC 2.23.090 Establishing the Bloomington Commission on Aging

WHEREAS, the senior population in Bloomington and Monroe County is growing and will be in need of increased services in the future; and,

WHEREAS, the Bloomington community is becoming a regional retirement destination requiring the investment of additional resources; and,

WHEREAS, the City administration considers it a priority to be in a position to address the needs and interests of the senior population; and,

WHEREAS, local commissions are instrumental in encouraging the development of programs at the local level that address issues and concerns important to various social groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. Chapter 23, entitled "Community and Family Resources Department" of Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, entitled "Administration and Personnel," shall be amended by adding the following Section and reflecting that new section in the Table of Contents for that chapter:

2.12.110 Commission on Aging
The Bloomington Commission on Aging is hereby established.

(a) Members. The Commission shall be composed of nine members.

(b) Appointments. Five members shall be appointed by the Mayor and four by the Common Council.

(c) Qualifications. Commission members shall be residents of Monroe County. Preference for appointments shall be given to people with expertise in, or representing, one or more of the following areas: senior issues, health and wellness, recreation, employment, social services, transportation and affordable housing.

(d) Terms. The initial commissioner terms of three Mayoral and two Council appointments shall expire on December 31, 2010. The terms of the remaining initial appointments shall be for two years and shall expire on December 31, 2011. All subsequent terms shall be for two years.

(e) Purpose and duties. The Commission may do the following:
(1) Develop study committees addressing concerns of seniors in health and wellness, housing, transportation, employment, social services and recreation; and
(2) Encourage the development of programs of particular benefit to senior citizens; and
(3) Apply for grants as may contribute to the strengthening and refining of a coordinated program to benefit senior citizens, upon approval of such grant applications by the appropriate City official (s); and
(4) Serve as a catalyst to promote positive public and private remedies to the multi-faceted challenges confronting seniors in our community and the resulting effects on the entire community; and
(5) Network with like-minded groups such as the AARP, Active Aging Coalition, Area 10 Council on Aging, RSVP, and other relevant local agencies, sharing ideas, information, data and future plans; and

(6) Celebrate the contributions seniors make to the Bloomington community; and

(7) In the pursuit of these purposes, the Commission may appoint additional volunteers and commission associates.

(f) Procedure - rules and regulations. The Commission may adopt rules, regulations and by-laws for the conduct of its affairs, which are consistent with the purpose of this section. Such rules, regulations and by-laws and amendments thereto may be adopted by the Commission after a public hearing by a majority vote of the Commission. The rules, regulations and by-laws of the Commission shall be available to the public at the office of the Commission.

(g) Reporting requirement. The Commission shall submit identical written reports to the Mayor and the Common Council Office by the end of December of each year describing the activities of the Commission in the previous calendar year as well as future plans. Any issues or concerns regarding the Commission itself, its organization or its purpose also shall be addressed in this report.

SECTION II. If any sections, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 16th day of DECEMBER, 2009.

ANDY RUFF, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 17th day of DECEMBER, 2009.

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 18TH day of December, 2009.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, entitled "Administration and Personnel," by inserting Section 2.23.090, which creates a Bloomington Commission on Aging. The Commission will work to address the concerns and problems seniors in our community face in health and wellness, housing, employment, social services, transportation, and recreation.

Signed copies to:
Legal (6)
Controller
CFR director
CA/CA (3)
Clerk (6)
BMC (2)

Area 10 Council on Aging