

ORDINANCE 22-04

**TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED
“ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL” – Re: Amending BMC 2.12 (Boards, Commissions and
Councils) to Make Certain Commission Memberships Easier to Fill**

WHEREAS, memberships of certain city boards and commissions have been difficult to fill, which impacts the effectiveness and efficient operation of those boards and commissions;

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.12.110 of the Bloomington Municipal Code (“BMC”), entitled “Parking Commission”, subsection (c), paragraph (3) shall be amended by deleting the first “two” and replacing it with the word “one” and by deleting the second “two” and replacing it with the word “three” so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

- (3) Four members, one appointed by the mayor and three appointed by the council, shall be residents living within the city limits;

SECTION 2. BMC Section 2.12.130 entitled “Citizens’ Redistricting Advisory Commission”, subsection (a) shall be amended by deleting the word “nine-member” and replacing it with the word “five-member” in the first sentence.

SECTION 3. BMC Section 2.12.130, entitled “Citizens’ Redistricting Advisory Commission”, subsection (c) shall be amended by deleting the word “nine” and replacing it with the word “five” in the first sentence.

SECTION 4. BMC Section 2.12.130(c)(2) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- (2) Political Affiliations. Commissioners shall be divided by political affiliation as follows:
 - A. One member shall be a duly enrolled full-time student at Indiana University Bloomington affiliated with the Democratic Party;
 - B. One member shall be a non-student affiliated with the Democratic Party;
 - C. One member shall be a duly enrolled full-time student at Indiana University Bloomington affiliated with the Republican Party;
 - D. One member shall be a non-student affiliated with the Republican Party; and
 - E. One member shall be independent of affiliation with either of the two major political parties in the state.

SECTION 5. BMC Section 2.12.130(c)(3) shall be deleted in its entirety and subsequent paragraphs shall be renumbered accordingly.

SECTION 6. BMC Section 2.12.130(d) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- (d) Membership Selection Process. Commissioners shall be selected after an open application process:
 - (1) Applicants shall attest that they are eligible to serve per the conditions of 2.12.130(c).
 - (2) The process shall be conducted by a selection committee made up of the three at-large councilmembers. The selection committee shall review all applications and in a public meeting choose ten applicants in five pools of two, one pool for each seat noted in BMC 2.12.130(c)(2), whom they believe are the most qualified to carry out the Commission’s duties.
 - (3) The ranking at-large councilmember shall administer a coin flip to select a member from each pool of applicants. The remaining candidates shall be named as alternates, in the event one or more commissioners cannot fulfill their duty.
 - (4) If no eligible alternate is available, the seat shall be left empty.
 - (5) The commission shall select as its chair the member not affiliated with either of the two major political parties.

SECTION 7. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or application of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provision of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be in effect after its passage by the Common Council, with approval of the Mayor, and after any required publication or other promulgation in accordance with the law.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 2 day of February, 2022.


SUSAN SANDBERG, President
Bloomington Common Council

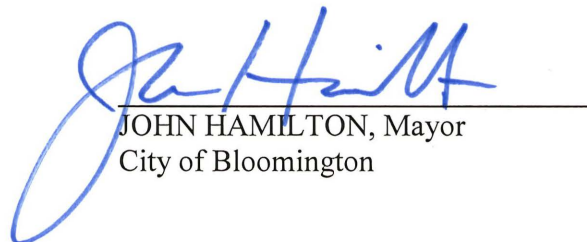
ATTEST:


NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 7th day of February, 2022.


NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 7th day of February, 2022.


JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance is authored by Councilmember Volan and amends Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code (Administration and Personnel) to adjust the membership requirements of various commissions. It changes one seat on the Parking Commission from Mayoral to Council appointment. It also reduces the number of members on the Citizens' Redistricting Advisory Commission from nine to five and simplifies the membership selection process.

Distributed to: Clerk, Council Attorney, Legal, Mayor, Public Works, and Planning & Transportation.