

ORDINANCE 77-101

To Amend Chapter 2.64 of the Bloomington Municipal Code  
and Enact New Residency Requirements for City Employees

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

SECTION I. Chapter 2.64 of the Bloomington Municipal Code be amended to delete Sections 2.64.050, 2.64.060, 2.64.070, 2.64.080, 2.64.090, and 2.64.100, concerning City employee residency requirements.

SECTION II. Preference to City Residents in Hiring. Among equally qualified applicants for City of Bloomington jobs, preference shall be given to Bloomington residents.

SECTION III. New Department Heads - Residency Requirement. All department heads hired after the enactment of this ordinance shall reside in the City of Bloomington within 120 days of employment or be terminated from employment. "Department head" shall include the chief administrator of the following departments: Mayor, Animal Shelter, Board of Public Works, Common Council, Controller, Engineering, Fire, Human Resources, Parks and Recreation, Personnel, Planning, Police, Redevelopment, Rosehill, Sanitation, Transportation, Legal and Utilities.

SECTION IV. Residency Affidavits - Applicants for Department Head Positions. Any person who applies after the enactment of this ordinance for a position with the City of Bloomington as a department head shall make an affidavit stating his address and, if he is not a City resident, that he will move into the City within one hundred twenty (120) days of employment. Failure to comply with this section shall result in rejection of the application or termination of employment.

SECTION V. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of the ordinance.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this      day of      , 1978.

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Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

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Karel Dolnick, City Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington upon this day of      , 1978.

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Nora M. Connors, Deputy City Clerk

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this      day of      , 1978.

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Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

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This ordinance would repeal requirements that all City employees be City residents, and require that only department heads be City residents since they are involved in the policy-making and budgetary decisions of City government. Applicants for department head positions would be required to file an affidavit of residency and would be given 120 days to move into the City after they have been hired. For all City positions other than department heads, preference in hiring would be given to City residents.

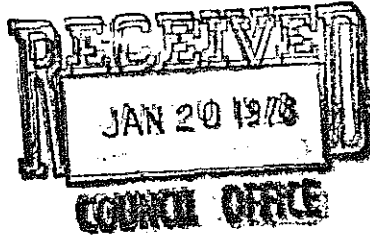
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AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY CLEM BLUME TO ORDINANCE 77-101

SECTION III. New Department Heads - Residency Requirement.

All persons hired as or promoted to the position of department head after the enactment of this ordinance shall reside in the City of Bloomington within 120 days of employment or be terminated from employment. "Department head" shall include the chief appointed administrator of the following departments: Animal Shelter, Common Council, Controller, Department of Public Works, Engineering, Fire, Fleet Maintenance, Human Resources, Legal, Mayor, Parks and Recreation, Personnel, Planning, Police, Redevelopment, Rosehill Cemetery, Sanitation, Street, Transit, and Utilities.

EXAMPLE



Lee R. Klotz  
3021 Westfall Parkway  
Carmel, Indiana 46032

January 20, 1978

Members, Common Council  
City of Bloomington  
Box 100, Municipal Building  
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Dear Council Members:

As a new employee of the City of Bloomington, I am writing to address the subject of residency requirements and the various proposals dealing with that topic which are now before the Council.

Like other City employees, I am in an awkward situation due to the current residency requirements conflicting with the various residency rescission ordinances currently under consideration. I currently commute 75 miles, or 150 miles round trip, to work. While this is an extreme case, I am sure that other recently hired employees are also inconvenienced.

Although I take no stand against residing in Bloomington on principle, my particular circumstances make it very difficult for me to live in the City or even in Monroe County. For that reason, and others, I believe it would be in the employees' best interest for the Council to rescind, or significantly amend, the current residency requirements, and I strongly recommend such action.

Because action on the various residency proposals before the Council has been delayed in the past, a prompt vote on the matter would be very commendable.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and action.

Sincerely yours,

Lee R. Klotz  
Zoning and Development Coordinator  
Planning Department

LRK:rdc

Defeated 3/1/78

I HEREBY MOVE THAT ORDINANCE # 77-101

BE INTRODUCED AND READ FOR FIRST READING BY TITLE

ONLY AT THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON December 1977

Raymond W. Olcott

(Signature)

FAILED