



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Sponsor(s):  
Jami Scholl  
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Passed 9-0-0

**RESOLUTION 2025-04**

**TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON  
SUSTAINABILITY TO THE “BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY  
AND RESILIENCE”**

- WHEREAS, sustainability seeks to maintain and enhance the long-term integrity of the integrated socio-ecological and economic system to ensure human and environmental wellbeing; and
- WHEREAS, resilience refers to the capacity of this integrated system to absorb disruptions, maintain its core functions and structures, and adapt to and transform in the face of both short-term shocks and long-term uncertainties, making it essential for achieving sustainability; and
- WHEREAS, recent and foreseeable disruptions—including climate-induced droughts and destructive weather events, economic instability, artificial intelligence-driven workforce displacement, food system vulnerabilities, shifts in federal policy, and public health crises—threaten the integrity of community systems and demand resilient infrastructure capable of maintaining essential functions under stress; and
- WHEREAS, Ordinance 2025-05 amended Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC) paragraph 2.12.100(8)(B) to integrate “community resilience” into the operational philosophy of the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability; and
- WHEREAS, including a more complete definition of the Commission’s areas of work will facilitate the Commission’s ongoing efforts in public education and identifying mission-aligned community partners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BLOOMINGTON  
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, THAT:

SECTION 1. the Common Council consider adopting an ordinance, such as that found in attachment 1, which amends BMC § 2.12.100 to rename the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability as the "Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and Resilience".

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability upon this 18th day of November, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Vasel', is written over a horizontal line.

JUSTIN VASEL, Chair  
Bloomington Commission on Sustainability

**BCOS RESOLUTION 2025-04  
ATTACHMENT 1**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE LANGUAGE**

**TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED  
“ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL”**

**Re: Amending BMC 2.12.100 (Bloomington Commission on Sustainability)**

- WHEREAS, sustainability seeks to maintain and enhance the long-term integrity of the integrated socio-ecological and economic system to ensure human and environmental wellbeing; and
- WHEREAS, resilience refers to the capacity of this integrated system to absorb disruptions, maintain its core functions and structures, and adapt to and transform in the face of both short-term shocks and long-term uncertainties, making it essential for achieving sustainability; and
- WHEREAS, recent and foreseeable disruptions—including climate-induced droughts and destructive weather events, economic instability, artificial intelligence-driven workforce displacement, food system vulnerabilities, shifts in federal policy, and public health crises—threaten the integrity of community systems and demand resilient infrastructure capable of maintaining essential functions under stress; and
- WHEREAS, Ordinance 2025-05 amended Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC) paragraph 2.12.100(8)(B) to integrate “community resilience” into the operational philosophy of the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS); and
- WHEREAS, including a more complete definition of the Commission’s areas of work will facilitate the Commission’s ongoing efforts in public education and identifying mission-aligned community partners; and
- WHEREAS, the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability passed BCOS Resolution 2025-04 requesting that their name be updated to better reflect the full scope of their operating philosophy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.12.100 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled “Bloomington Commission on Sustainability” shall be renamed “Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and Resilience”.

SECTION 2. Section 2.12.100 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled “Bloomington Commission on Sustainability” shall be amended by deleting the words “Bloomington Commission on Sustainability” in sub-part (1) and replacing them with the words “Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and Resilience”.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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.