



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY

November 25, 2025

Council President Hopi Stosberg
Bloomington Common Council

Dear President Stosberg,

On November 18, 2025, the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS) unanimously adopted Resolution 2025-04 (*To Change the Name of the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability to the "Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and Resilience"*), pursuant to Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC) paragraph 2.12.100(8)(B), which empowers BCOS to advise and make recommendations to the Bloomington Common Council.

It is the expressed opinion of BCOS that changing its name to "Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and Resilience" would better reflect that sustainability and resiliency are two distinct-but-interdependent concepts that are central to the Commission's operating philosophy. Additionally, it would help signal to the public and community partners our commitment to enhancing Bloomington's sustainability as well as its ability to withstand and adapt to unforeseen disruptions.

Please find enclosed the language of that resolution, including ordinance language that would effectuate the proposed change in city code.

We appreciate Council's consideration of this recommendation and are happy to provide additional information or answer questions that you may have.

Respectfully,

Justin Vassel, Chair
Bloomington Commission on Sustainability

CC Nicole Bolden
Bloomington City Clerk

Lisa Lehner
Council Administrator/Attorney

Dave Rollo
Councilmember
BCOS Commissioner

Shawn Miya
Assistant Director of Sustainability

Encl: BCOS Resolution 2025-04



Sponsor(s):
Jami Scholl
Dave Rollo

Passed 9-0-0

RESOLUTION 2025-04

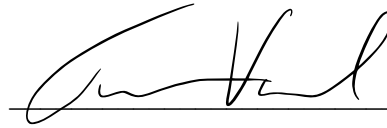
TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY TO THE “BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE”

- 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', 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)

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- 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.