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Chairman Police and Fire Civil Service Board
2629 W. Chew St.
Allentown Pa 18104

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Santo Napoli, Vice-President Council
435 Hamilton St
Allentown Pa 18101

Candida Affa, Council Member
435 Hamilton St
Allentown Pa 18101

Dear Council Members Affa and Napoli,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the board members of the Allentown Police and Fire Civil Service Board.

Enclosed you will find a proposed Resolution that the Board has drafted pursuant to a motion made at our board meeting.

At our May 3rd, 2024 organizational meeting, Board member Walter Felton and myself discussed a number of issues regarding the construction of the Board. One of the issues discussed was the current appointment and term expiration dates and how those dates comport with the 3rd Class City Code and Home Rule Charter. Following the appointment of Board member Maria Brace, we have drafted the Resolution to address the deficiency.

In short, the Code provides for 4-year terms, with their expiration one year apart. Currently, the Board appointment dates and the term expirations do not follow the code.

We are respectfully asking that you, and any additional Council Members introduce this Resolution for adoption.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at any of the following: Acsboard1@gmail.com, 2629 W. Chew St. Allentown Pa, or Cell: 610-972-8152.

Sincerely,



John S Stribula
CC: Council, Brace, Felton



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R____-2024

*Introduced by the Police and Fire Civil Service
Board on _____, 2024*

Authorizes the City to Stagger the Terms of the Police and Fire Civil Service Board Members

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown,

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown Police and Fire Civil Service Board is comprised of three members and three alternate members, conducts regular public meetings, and is charged with oversight in the hiring and promotional processes for the City of Allentown Police Department and the City of Allentown Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Section 14403(a) of the Third Class City Code provides that when the Board is first constituted, the terms of the Board Members are to be staggered, with one member serving a two-year term, the second member serving a three-year term, and the third member serving a four-year term.

WHEREAS, there is no provision in the City's Home Rule Charter that conflicts with this statutory provision.

WHEREAS, at some point in time, the terms of the Board Members were no longer staggered, and, because of the timing of two recent appointments, two of the three Board Members' terms will now expire within two months of each other.

WHEREAS, consistent with its unanimous vote, the Board sent correspondence to the City's Mayor requesting that the Mayor, with approval of City Council, "re-stagger" the terms of the Board members, and received no response, and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a contrary provision in the Home Rule Charter, the Board requests that, consistent with the Third Class City Code, the Board requests that City Council authorize that current Board Chairman John Stribula's term be modified to expire January 1, 2027 (instead of January 1, 2028), so that the terms of the Board Members will be "re-staggered" as follows:

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa		
Ce-Ce Gerlach		
Daryl Hendricks		
Santo Napoli		
Natalie Santos		
Ed Zucal		
Cynthia Y. Mota, President		
TOTAL		

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. _____ was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the ____ day of _____, 2024, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

City Clerk