

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending Article 123.09 Appointments by the Mayor by requiring all personnel that directly report to the Mayor to be approved by an affirmative vote of four members of City Council. This legislation would attempt to prevent the Mayor from circumventing the intent of council to approve the Managing Director and other positions by renaming and restructuring positions.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That Section 301, Allentown Codified Ordinances, be amended as follows:

123.09 APPOINTMENTS BY AND DIRECT REPORTS TO THE MAYOR

The Mayor shall appoint:

A. One City Solicitor. Any person so appointed shall hold office unless removed during the term for which the Mayor is elected and until a successor is appointed and qualified. Four (4) affirmative votes of Council, at each Mayor's term, shall be necessary for confirmation. The City Solicitor is required to be reappointed and reconfirmed by the majority of Council and is required to be a resident of Allentown and/or be a taxpayer prior to their appointment. The Mayor may also appoint one or more assistant solicitors as are necessary and approved by Council. (Art. III, §309)

B. All Members of Boards, Authorities and Commissions, over which he has the power to appoint. The majority of Council shall be necessary for confirmation, except where otherwise provided by state statute. (Art. III, §309)

C. One Managing Director. Any person so appointed to Managing Director must be approved by four (4) affirmative votes of Council. The Managing Director does not need to be a resident of the City at the time of appointment, but after appointment shall reside in the City. City residency shall be required within twelve (12) months of being appointed. (14395 §1 6/2/06; 15342 §1 1/18/17)

D. All positions that report directly to the Mayor must be approved by four (4) affirmative votes of Council.