



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

**RESOLUTION**

**R17 – 2025**

*Introduced by the City Council on January 8, 2025*

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**Requests Mayor introduce a resolution to stagger the terms of the City of Allentown Police and Fire Civil Service Board**

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

**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; and

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

**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; and

**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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, 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."