

ORDINANCE 2024-30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ZIONSVILLE SAFETY BOARD

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2021, the Town Council of the Town of Zionsville, Indiana (the “Town Council”) adopted Ordinance 2021-2, which established a safety board for the Zionsville Fire Department (the “Safety Board”); and

WHEREAS, the Safety Board’s powers were limited to reviewing certain disciplinary matters related to the Zionsville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, with the establishment of the Zionsville Fire Department Merit Board, the Safety Board will no longer have jurisdiction over Fire Department disciplinary matters; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted Ordinance 2010-16, the Fire Protection Ordinance, which created an appeal process administered by the Safety Board for petitioners seeking relief from the Ordinance’s rules and decisions made under those rules; and

WHEREAS, The Zionsville Volunteer Fire Department (ZVFD) was organized in 1930 by community-minded residents to serve the Zionsville community, this group in 1958 incorporated in the State of Indiana to be known as the Zionsville Volunteer Fire Department to serve the Town and Townships for fire protection services, and on July 1st 2006, the Town of Zionsville officially established the Zionsville Fire Department to serve as the primary municipal Fire Department providing fire protection and extinguishment of all fires, Fire Prevention, emergency medical services, public safety, and all other emergency response serving the Town of Zionsville; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the health and safety of the citizens of Zionsville to retain a Safety Board to oversee the operations of the Zionsville Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Zionsville, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1: The foregoing Recitals are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2: Title III, Chapter 31, Section 31.24 of the Town of Zionsville Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 31.24 SAFETY BOARD.

(A) Establishment of Safety Board. The Town Council hereby establishes the Safety Board (the “Board”), pursuant to I.C. 36-8-3 *et seq.*

(1) Number of members. The Board shall consist of five members.

(2) Term. The term of each Board member shall be one calendar year, expiring on December 31 of the member's appointment. Board members shall holdover until a successor is appointed.

(3) Appointment to the Board. The Town Council shall appoint all five members to the Board.

(4) Composition of Board. The Board shall be comprised of not more than three members of the Town Council. Any Town Council member that serves on the Board shall vacate the member's position on the Board when the member is no longer a member of the Town Council. The Board shall also include two citizen members.

(5) Meetings. The Board shall meet on a monthly basis.

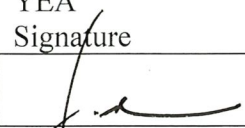
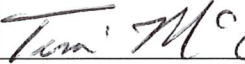
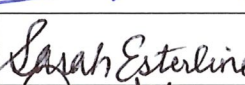
(B) Powers and duties of Board. The Board shall administer the Zionsville Fire Department, except as provided by any statute or ordinance. The Board may adopt general and special orders to the Zionsville Fire Department through the chief of the Department. The Board shall have all responsibilities, duties and powers as set forth in Ind. Code § 36-8-3-2, and as may be amended from time to time. The Board shall also administer the appeals process for the Zionsville Fire Department Fire Prevention Ordinance pursuant to Zionsville Town Code § 51.123.”

Section 3: The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect following the date of its passage and action by the Town Council and the Mayor in the manner prescribed by Reorganization section ZR2A18 and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by ordinance of the Town Council.

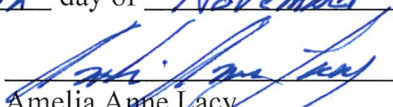
Introduced and filed on the 4th day of November, 2024. A motion to consider on First Reading was sustained by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed, pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-5-2-9.8.

SO ORDAINED, this 4th day of November, 2024, by the Town Council of the Town of Zionsville, Boone County, Indiana, having been passed by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

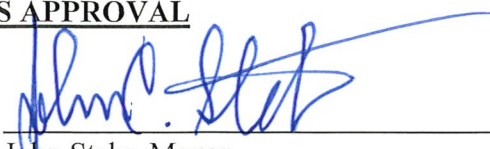
**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE,
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA**

	YEA Signature	NAY Signature
Jason Plunkett, President		
Brad Burk, Vice-President		
Tim McElderry, Member		
Craig Melton, Member		
Evan Norris, Member		
Sarah Esterline Sampson, Member		
Joseph Stein, Member		

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was delivered to the Town of Zionsville Mayor John Stehr on the 6th day of November, 2024, at 9:00 A.m.

ATTEST: 
Amelia Anne Lacy,
Municipal Relations Coordinator

MAYOR'S APPROVAL


John Stehr, Mayor

11-6-2024
Date

This Ordinance was prepared by Jon Oberlander, Chief Legal Counsel, on 10/2/024 at 12:23 p.m. No subsequent revision to this Ordinance has been reviewed by Mr. Oberlander for legal sufficiency or otherwise.