

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-44

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
ADDING TITLE III, CHAPTER 31, SECTION 31.30
TO THE TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING
THE TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville, Boone County, Indiana (the “Town”) has a long history of being a welcoming community where people come for a visit or a lifetime, and it is well-recognized that persons of all abilities play an important role in our community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code §36-1-3-1 *et seq.*, the Town Council for the Town of Zionsville (“Town Council”) now desires to create the Zionsville Advisory Committee on Disability to assist the Town in ensuring that Zionsville remains a community where the inclusion of individuals of all abilities is recognized as an essential component of our vibrancy; where individuals of all abilities are recognized as vital members of our community; and where businesses, organizations, residents, governmental entities, and other stakeholders come together to establish priorities and strategies to address the various challenges and needs facing the disability community.

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

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

Section 2: Title III, Chapter 31, Section 31.30 is hereby added to the Town of Zionsville Code of Ordinances and shall read as follows:

“§ 31.30 TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY (ZACD)

(A) Establishment. There is hereby established the Town of Zionsville Advisory Committee on Disability (“ZACD”).

(B) Purpose. The ZACD shall assist the Town’s efforts toward ensuring that the Town is inclusive of individuals of all abilities. The ZACD shall also recommend priorities and strategies to the Town to address the various challenges and needs facing the disability community and promote inclusion and accessibility.

(C) Composition and Term. The ZACD shall be comprised of five (5) voting members, three (3) of which are to be appointed by the Mayor and two (2) of which are to be appointed by the Town Council. The Mayor shall designate one (1) of his appointees as Chair of the ZACD. Additionally, the Mayor may appoint up to four (4) non-voting advisory members who are employed by the Town and shall represent their respective Town Departments. The Town Council may appoint one (1) non-voting advisory member that may be a member of the Town Council. The terms of every voting and non-voting member of the ZACD shall be for one (1) year and shall holdover until their

successor is appointed. ZACD members may be re-appointed. Voting members and non-voting advisory members of the ZACD are volunteers and shall not be compensated for their service. ZACD membership should include Zionsville residents with lived experience such as, but not limited to, those who are:

- (1) Individuals with experience in advocacy, inclusion, and service to individuals with disabilities within the Town;
- (2) Individuals experienced with facing unique challenges by living with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), including, but not limited to, hearing impairment, intellectual or developmental disability, psychiatric disability, mobility disability, or vision impairment;
- (3) A family member or in-home caregiver (with five (5) or more years of experience) of an individual with a disability; or
- (4) An owner or representative of a local for-profit business who actively employs one (1) or more individuals with disabilities.

(D) Duties. Duties of the ZACD may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Provide strategic input/direction/guidance to the Mayor regarding:
 - (a) The Town’s Disability Awareness Month campaign & events; and
 - (b) Zionsville’s ADA Transition Plan; and
 - (c) Any programming created by the Town pertaining to disabilities.
- (2) Represent the diverse needs and interests of individuals with disabilities in the Town;
- (3) At the request of the Mayor or Town Council, review and provide input and advice regarding the Town’s current services, policies and practices.
- (4) At the request of the Mayor or Town Council, review and provide input and advice regarding proposed Town projects, services, policies and practices that may impact individuals with disabilities.
- (5) Work in partnership with local area employers, businesses and economic development organizations, schools, and service providers for individuals with disabilities to increase employment and meaningful work opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
- (6) Collaborate with disability stakeholders, community partners (including schools, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations and businesses) and Town leaders to foster a culture of inclusivity, develop and recommend proposals to address the needs of individuals with disabilities (including, but not limited to transportation and housing options), and enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families.

(E) Meetings. The ZACD shall hold regular meetings on a quarterly basis at the Zionsville Town Hall and pursuant to Indiana Open Door Law as applicable.

(F) Reporting. The ZACD shall prepare a written report of its actions during each calendar year and submit its report to the Mayor on or before December 31st of that year.”

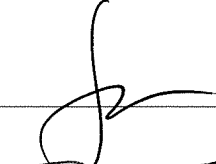
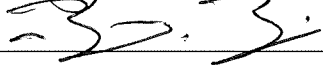
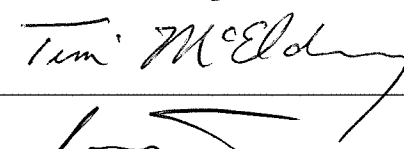
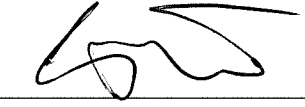
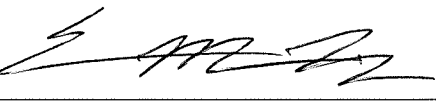
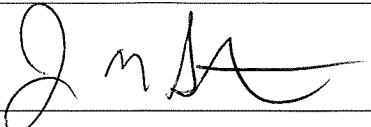
Section 3: If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance so long as enforcement of same can be given the same effect.

Section 4: 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 2nd day of December, 2024. A motion to consider on First Reading was sustained by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed, pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-5-2-9.8.

SO ORDAINED, this 16th day of December, 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**

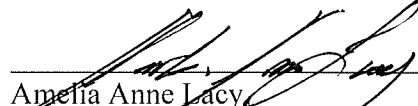
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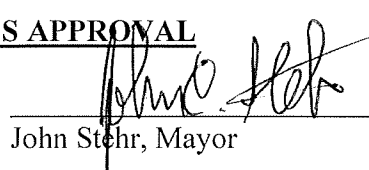
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was delivered to the Town of Zionsville Mayor John Stehr on the 16th day of December, 2024, at 1100 47.m.

ATTEST:


Amelia Anne Lacy
Municipal Relations Coordinator

MAYOR'S APPROVAL


John Stehr, Mayor

12-16-2024
Date

This Ordinance was prepared by Jon Oberlander, Chief Legal Counsel, on November 25, 2024 at 3:10 p.m. This Ordinance was revised by Heather D. Harris, Legal Counsel to the Town Council on December 5, 2024 in preparation for Second Reading. No subsequent revision to this Ordinance has been reviewed by Mr. Oberlander for legal sufficiency or otherwise.