

ORDINANCE NO. 125, 2020  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
EXTENDING SHORT-TERM APPOINTMENTS TO  
CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

WHEREAS, the City has boards and commissions charged with advising the City Council, whose members are appointed by the City Council through an application and interview process; and

WHEREAS, Article III of Chapter 2 of the City Code establishes each board or commission of the City and, for each individual board or commission, states the length of the board members' terms, which in most cases is four years, and how many terms they may serve (typically two consecutive terms); and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2019, the City Council adopted a Council Priority to Reimagine Boards and Commissions, to explore improvements to the structure and management of the City boards and commissions (the "Reimagine Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk's Office was instructed to pause reappointments and interviews for positions on all boards and commissions during the Reimagine Project, except for quasi-judicial boards and boards and commissions at risk of falling below their quorum number; and

WHEREAS, to ensure boards and commissions could maintain quorums and effectively perform their duties in the face of unplanned absences, the City Council wanted the ability to temporarily fill vacant positions on boards and commission for short periods of time while the Reimagine Project continued in 2020; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 153, 2019, stating that, notwithstanding any provision of the City Code to the contrary, the City Council could, from January 17 to December 31, 2020, make appointments to City boards and commissions for terms shorter than required by the applicable provisions of Article III, Chapter 2 of the City Code, and specify for each such appointment whether such term will count towards any applicable term limit specified in Article III, Chapter 2 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, to date 46 short-term appointments have been made pursuant to the authority in Ordinance No. 153, 2019; and

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, outreach and public engagement efforts for the Reimagine Project were significantly delayed and have been rescheduled for the fourth quarter of 2020, resulting in a delay of the implementation of potential changes to the Boards and Commission terms and structure to the first quarter and second quarter of 2021; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the number of board and commission appointments that need to be filled in the meantime, the City Council wishes to extend the short-term appointments made under Ordinance No. 153, 2019 to expire December 31, 2021 instead of December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that extending such appointments to City boards and commissions will benefit the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That, notwithstanding any provision of the City Code to the contrary, short-term appointments to City boards and commissions made by the City Council pursuant to Ordinance No. 153, 2019, shall expire on December 31, 2021, unless terminated sooner as provided in the City Code.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 20th day October, A.D. 2020, and to be presented for final passage on the 4th day of November, A.D. 2020.

  
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Mayor

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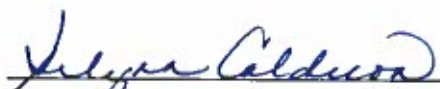
  
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City Clerk / Chief Deputy



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 4th day of November, A.D. 2020.

  
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Mayor

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City Clerk

