

TERM LIMITS AND SETTING ANNUAL GOALS
FOR CITY COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has over 20 commissions and boards with hundreds of residents serving to further the work of City Departments and matters of public good; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appreciates the service and expertise offered by all residents who have served on commissions and boards in Burlington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council annually appoints new commission and board members in June when terms expire and fills vacancies on commissions and boards as seats become vacant throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, each commission and board is charged with unique duties and scopes of work given the purview of the commission or board; and

WHEREAS, all commissioners who work and/or oversee City Departments or Enterprise Funds should work to advocate for, advance, and diligently monitor the work of the Departments or Funds for which they are appointed; and

WHEREAS, all board members who work to advance an issue such as voter registration or health, should also work to advocate for, advance and monitor the city’s work on such issues;

WHEREAS, the City Council strives to appoint qualified residents who bring expertise and diverse perspectives representing the geographic, political, and socio-economic residents of Burlington;

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WHEREAS, the City Council values the growing diversity within Burlington and strives to have this diversity reflected within city government to better the decisions and policies enacted by all levels of government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that each of the city commissions and boards will spend at least one hour at their August or September meetings to set and/or review their goals for the next year and determine how they will begin to address those goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of each city commission and board provide a short written summary to the Community Development Committee of the City Council on its established goals by the Committee's October 6th meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Change Committee of the City Council consider establishing terms limit for members for the following Commissions and Boards: Planning Commission, Burlington Electric Commission, Development Review Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Public Works Commission and report back to the City Council at our first October meeting.