



Item: Res. 10059, A Resolution Establishing A Policy Concerning Appointments to Boards and Commissions and Repealing Resolution 9962

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: City Commission

Presented By: Greg Doyon, City Manager

Action Requested: Adopt Res. 10059

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (adopt/deny) Res. 10059.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls the vote.

Background: Resolution 9962 Establishing a Policy Concerning Appointments to Boards and Commissions was adopted by the City Commission on March 6, 2012.

Resolution 10059 repeals Resolution 9962 and establishes a new policy concerning the appointments to Boards and Commissions. Resolution 10059 states that “Members whose terms expire shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.”

Currently the Parking Advisory Commission will lose two members on April 30, 2014. The members are not eligible for reappointment or “termed out.” Staff has advertised these vacant positions since April of 2013. Since that time, one application was received in February of 2014. If no other citizens are interested in serving, the PAC will not have a quorum present to conduct its meetings. By adding language to the Resolution to allow standing members to serve until a successor is appointed and qualified will alleviate this situation. Advertising will be on-going to attempt to fill the positions.

The City Commission makes appointments to twenty-one boards and commissions. Currently, nine out of the twenty-one boards have language to allow members to remain on the board until a successor is appointed and qualified. Adoption of Res. 10059 will allow this same provision for the remainder of the boards.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Alternatives: The Commission could choose to leave Res. 9962 in effect or revise Res. 10059.

Attachments/Exhibits: Res. 10059

RESOLUTION NO. 10059

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS
TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 9962**

Whereas, the City Commission has the responsibility both solely and in conjunction with other units of government for making appointments to several Boards and Commissions it maintains; and

Whereas, Resolution 10059 will apply to all Boards and Commissions unless State Law is more restrictive, and

Whereas, the purpose of these Boards and Commissions is to bring informed citizens into the government process, balancing experience with fresh viewpoints to provide advice and assistance to the elected body; and

Whereas, the City Commission is committed to involving as many citizens as possible in the decision-making process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, THAT:

1. It is the policy of the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, that the maximum uninterrupted length of service on any single board or commission shall be two (2) consecutive terms, exclusive of the time served on any unexpired term, for each person appointed by the City Commission, unless otherwise stated.
2. Members whose terms expire shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.
3. Great Falls Housing Authority Tenant Members shall be allowed to serve five (5) consecutive two (2) year terms, exclusive of the time served on any unexpired term.
4. In the case of a member eligible for and interested in reappointment, if the member is in good standing and it is the recommendation of the board/commission, his application shall be brought before the Commission for consideration for reappointment without advertising for other citizen interest.
5. Boards and commissions are encouraged to make recommendations to the City Commission for appointments to vacant positions on any Board and Commission, but the City Commission reserves the right to accept or reject those recommendations. The City Commission also reserves the right to interview applicants to any board and commission.
6. Citizens may not serve on two or more boards simultaneously unless authorized by the City Commission.
7. From and after the date of this Resolution, unless otherwise stated, all terms shall begin on the date of appointment.
8. The City Manager will approve an internal advertising/appointment procedure for member recruitment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on this 4th day of March, 2014.

Michael J. Winters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara Sexe, City Attorney