

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2024

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FIRE MERIT SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING A
PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF SAID FIRE MERIT SYSTEM BY THE MEMBERS
OF THE WEST LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Fire Merit Systems, generally, when created are empowered to select, appoint, promote, demote, discipline, and dismiss members of a unit's fire department;

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette, Indiana has a fire department and, as such, is empowered under Indiana law (I.C. § 36-8-3.5-1 *et seq.*) to establish a Fire Merit System;

WHEREAS, specifically, I.C. § 36-8-3.5-3 provides that the City "may, by ordinance, establish a merit system under this chapter for the ... fire department of the unit;"

WHEREAS, the City seeks to establish a Fire Merit System in accordance with I.C. § 36-8-3.5-1 *et seq.*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE that:

West Lafayette City Code Chapter __ is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE __ -- FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

Sec. _____. Establishment of Merit System.

- (a) There is established for the West Lafayette Fire Department a Fire Merit System as authorized by and pursuant to the requirements outlined in I.C. § 36-8-3.5-1 *et seq.*
- (b) The Fire Merit System will be implemented through appointed and elected Fire Merit Commissioners as authorized by and pursuant to the requirements contained within I.C. § 36-8-3.5-1 *et seq.* which are fully incorporated herein.
- (c) The Fire Merit Commissioners shall be selected/appointed as follows:
 - i. Two (2) persons, who must be of different political parties, appointed by the Mayor of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana;
 - ii. One (1) person appointed by the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana; and
 - iii. Two (2) persons, who must be of different political parties, elected by the active members of the West Lafayette Fire Department, who are not members of the West Lafayette Fire Department.

(d) This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the first day of January after its passage and signing by the Mayor of the City of West Lafayette, and its approval by the majority of active members of the West Lafayette Fire Department as required under and pursuant to I.C. § 36-8- 3.5-1 *et seq.*

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING ON THE 1 DAY OF April, 2024.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR Blanco, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR Bellisario.

DULY ORDAINED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 6 DAY OF May, 2024, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 9 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bellisario	✓			
Blanco	✓			
Burr	✓			
Dennis	✓			
Lee	✓			
Leverenz	✓			
Parker	✓			
Sanders	✓			
Veidemanis	✓			


Larry J. Leverenz, Presiding Officer

Attest:


Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA ON THE 7 DAY OF May, 2024.


Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS ORDINANCE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 7 DAY OF
May, 2024.


Erin R. Easter, Mayor

Attest:


Sana G. Booker, Clerk

