

# **Boards and Commissions**

## **Citizen appointments made by City Council**

### **At-a-glance**

**Animal Control Commission**—this five-member board acts as a citizen advisory group for the Fort Wayne Department of Animal Care and Control, advising the Mayor, Public Safety Director and the Animal Control Director on policy and department direction. City Council appointments two citizens who serve three-year terms.

**Board of Zoning Appeals**—this five-member board adopts rules and procedures concerning the filing of appeals, the giving of notice and the conduct of its hearings and operations as necessary to carry out the duties of area zoning. City Council appoints one member to the board to serve a four-year term.

**Cable Fund Access Board**—this five-member board administers the grant process through which agencies receive City franchise fee revenues, allowing citizen input to ensure effective use of such revenues. City Council makes one citizen appointment to serve a one-year term.

**County Economic Development Commission**—this four-member Allen County board’s primary duty is the consideration of applications for industrial revenue bonds. City Council appoints one citizen who serves a four-year term.

**Fort Wayne Economic Development Commission**—this five-member board reviews applications for industrial revenue bonds and makes recommendations to the City Council on bond issuance. Commission also makes recommendation to Common Council on Economic Development Target areas. City Council appoints one member to serve a four-year term.

**Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corporation-PTC/Citilink**—this is a seven-member public transportation board that is responsible for executive, fiscal and legislative policy of the Public Transportation Corporation. City Council appoints three members to serve four-year terms. All members must reside within the PTC taxing district. Political balance is required by Indiana law.

**Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission**—this five-member commission addresses blight, cessation of growth and lack of development within the City of Fort Wayne by promoting public/private partnerships in redevelopment areas, serving as a catalyst to assist and assure that redevelopment occurs. Appointees must be 18 years of age. City Council makes two appointments for terms of one-year.

**Internal Audit Committee**—the six-member board works with the City’s Internal Audit Department to evaluate and report on the City’s financial conditions and records, accuracy, and compliance with applicable laws. City Council has two appointments to the board, one of which must be a non-governmental CPA, licensed by the Indiana State Board of Accountancy. Terms are for one year.

**Legacy Joint Funding Committee**—this nine-member review committee is responsible for evaluating potential proposals requesting Legacy funding for projects. Committee members will provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. City Council appoints one citizen to serve for a one-year term.

**Metropolitan Human Relations Commission**—the seven-member Commission administers anti-discrimination legislation and ordinances with the City of Fort Wayne as authorized by the Indiana Civil Rights Act. City Council appoints three citizens to serve three-year terms. Members must reside within the city limits. Political balance is required.

**Safe Housing & Building Oversight Committee**—this nine-member board serves as an advisory group to assist the director of Neighborhood Code Enforcement (NCE) department in making recommendations, as needed, for NCE ordinance changes that require City Council approval. Board members are also responsible for setting NCE administrative fees. City Council appoints three citizens to serve three-year terms.

**Urban Enterprise Association (UEA)**—this board is the governing body for the Fort Wayne Enterprise Zone program, having the responsibility of overseeing projects within the Zone’s boundaries, and operates the FW Enterprise Center which assists small business owners and entrepreneurs in the Zone. City Council makes three appointments to the UEA to serve four-year terms. Appointees must be a resident, a business owner or employee within the Zone’s boundaries.