

## ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

### REDUCING THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM TWELVE (12) TO EIGHT (8)

**WHEREAS** the Borough Council formed an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate all options in order to re-apportion the council seats more equitably.

**WHEREAS** the Ad Hoc Committee presented multiple options, one of which was a two ward system.

**WHEREAS** the Ad Hoc Committee presented an option to reduce the number of Council Members from twelve (12) to eight (8) members consisting of four (4) members in each ward.

**WHEREAS** it is believed that the reduction will create a council which is less unwieldy in size, a council comparable in size to boroughs of similar size.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ORDERED and ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Indiana as follows:

1. The number of council members shall be reduced from twelve (12) members to eight (8) members.
2. Each ward shall consist of four (4) members.
3. Effective with the municipal election of 2023 ward 1 shall elect two (2) members to a four-year term. Ward 2 will elect one (1) member to a four-year term.
4. Effective with the municipal election of 2025 each ward 1 shall elect two (2) members to a four-year term. Ward 2 shall elect two (2) members to a four-year term and one (1) member to a two-year term.
5. Effective with the municipal election of 2027 and each municipal election thereafter each ward shall elect two (2) members for a four-year term.
6. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2023.

**Duly presented and adopted at a regular meeting of the Indiana Borough Council, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.**

ATTEST

Indiana Borough

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Nichole Sipos  
Borough Manager

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Peter Broad  
Council President

This Ordinance is approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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William Simmons  
Mayor, Indiana Borough

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was fully enacted and approved as set forth at the meeting of Council held on \_\_\_\_\_, and before approval, was advertised in the \_\_\_\_\_, a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality of Indiana Borough on \_\_\_\_\_.