

ORDINANCE NO. 2023- 13

**ORDINANCE TO INCREASE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FROM THREE (3)
TO FIVE (5) MEMBERS PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 36-5-2-4.2(e)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport, Indiana, (“Town”) is a duly formed municipal corporation within the State of Indiana, governed by its duly elected legislative body (“Town Council”);

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-5-2-4.2 provides that the legislative body may adopt a resolution to submit a public question on the number of legislative body members to the voters of the town;

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2023, the Town Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-9 to submit to the voters of the Town a public question concerning increasing the number of members on the Town Council from three (3) to five (5) members;

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, the general election results confirmed that a majority of voters answered affirmatively to the public question concerning increasing the number of members on the Town Council from three (3) to five (5) members;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-5-2-4.2(e) states, in pertinent part, that “[i]f a majority of votes cast on the question . . . are in the affirmative, the legislative body shall adopt an ordinance at its next regular meeting following the election altering the number of legislative body members to the number specified in the public question. . . . An ordinance adopted under this subsection becomes effective January 1 following its adoption.”

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-5-2-4.2(e) the Town Council shall adopt an ordinance increasing the number of members on the Town Council from three (3) to five (5) members at its next regular meeting on November 13, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westport, Indiana, in accordance with the provisions of Indiana Code § 36-5-2-4.2(e), as follows:

The number of legislative body members of the Town Council of the Town of Westport, Indiana shall be five (5) members effective January 1, 2024.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Westport, Indiana, this 13th day of November, 2023.

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Henry Pray III

[Signature]

Joyce Brindley

Council Members

Council Members

Presented to me by the Town Council of Westport, Indiana on this 13th day of November, 2023.

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Clerk-Treasurer