

**ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ELECTION OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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, the Town has the power and authority to regulate – within State statutory limits – the election of its own legislative body;

WHEREAS, there currently exists no Chapter in the Town Municipal Code regarding the election and requirements of Town Council members resulting in the election of all of the at-large members every four (4) years;

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023, the Town Council adopted Ordinance 2023-5, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-5-2-4.2(e), increasing the number of members on the Town Council from three (3) to five (5) members effective January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to ‘stagger’ the terms for Town Council members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED be it ordained by the Town Council of Westport, Indiana as follows:

**Section 1 – ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF TOWN COUNCIL**

1. The Town Council has five (5) members effective January 1, 2024.
2. The members of the Town Council shall be elected at-large by the voters of the entire Town.
3. A municipal election shall be held in the Town in November 2027 at which time the two (2) seats created on January 1, 2024, shall be elected for a term of three (3) years beginning at noon on January 1 following said municipal election. The remainder of the members will be elected for terms of four (4) years beginning at noon on January 1 following said municipal election. Thereafter, each term for all seats shall be for a period of four (4) years.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Westport, Indiana, this 11th day of December, 2023.

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NAYS

Henry Pray III

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John Ryan

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Joseph Braddock

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Presented to me by the Town Council of Westport, Indiana on this 11th day of December, 2023.

Ben Chan  
Clerk-Treasurer