

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6865

AN ORDINANCE amending Sections 3.55.010, 3.56.010, 3.61.010, 3.62.010, 3.63.010, and 3.64.010 of the Bellevue City Code to limit service to two consecutive terms on any City Council advisory board and commission.

WHEREAS, the City Council has established the Environmental Services Commission, Arts Commission, Human Services Commission, Parks and Community Services Board, Transportation Commission, and Planning Commission, as boards and commissions that are advisory to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in Title 3 of the Bellevue City Code, the City Council has set forth requirements and procedures for appointment of members to these Council advisory boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the provisions in Title 3 to limit service to two consecutive terms on any City Council advisory board and commission in order to create more opportunities and broader community participation in these Council advisory board and commissions; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.55.010.C of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. Terms of Office. The term for all positions on the commission shall be four years. Each position shall expire on May 31st of the last year of the term. The expiration date of the terms of the positions on the commission shall be staggered so that no more than four positions expire in the same year.

No person shall serve on any City Council advisory board or commission for more than two consecutive terms, provided a person appointed to fill an unexpired term of less than two years is eligible to serve two additional successive four-year terms, and provided further, a person who is ineligible to serve for having served two consecutive terms may again serve after two years have elapsed from the end of the second such term. This limitation to two consecutive terms means service on the same board or commission for two successive terms, or service on one board or commission for one term followed by service on another board or commission for another term; and whereby a term is defined as service of two years or longer.

Section 2. Section 3.56.010.C of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. Terms of Office. The term for all positions on the commission shall be four years. Each position shall expire on May 31st of the last year of the term. The expiration date of the terms of the positions on the commission shall be staggered so that no more than four positions expire in the same year.

No person shall serve on any City Council advisory board or commission for more than two consecutive terms, provided a person appointed to fill an unexpired term of less than two years is eligible to serve two additional successive four-year terms, and provided further, a person who is ineligible to serve for having served two consecutive terms may again serve after two years have elapsed from the end of the second such term. This limitation to two consecutive terms means service on the same board or commission for two successive terms, or service on one board or commission for one term followed by service on another board or commission for another term; and whereby a term is defined as service of two years or longer.

Section 3. Section 3.61.010.C of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. Terms of Office. The term for all positions on the commission shall be four years. Each position shall expire on May 31st of the last year of the term. The expiration date of the terms of the positions on the commission shall be staggered so that no more than four positions expire in the same year.

No person shall serve on any City Council advisory board or commission for more than two consecutive terms, provided a person appointed to fill an unexpired term of less than two years is eligible to serve two additional successive four-year terms, and provided further, a person who is ineligible to serve for having served two consecutive terms may again serve after two years have elapsed from the end of the second such term. This limitation to two consecutive terms means service on the same board or commission for two successive terms, or service on one board or commission for one term followed by service on another board or commission for another term; and whereby a term is defined as service of two years or longer.

Section 4. Section 3.62.010.C of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. Terms of Office. The term for all positions on the board shall be four years. Each position shall expire on May 31st of the last year of the term. The expiration date of the terms of the positions on the board shall be staggered so that no more than four positions expire in the same year.

No person shall serve on any City Council advisory board or commission for more than two consecutive terms, provided a person appointed to fill an unexpired term of less than two years is eligible to serve two additional successive four-year terms, and provided further, a person who is ineligible to serve for having served two consecutive terms may again serve after two years have elapsed from the end of the second such term. This limitation to two consecutive terms means service on the same board or commission for two successive terms, or service on one board or commission for one term followed by service on another board or commission for another term; and whereby a term is defined as service of two years or longer.

Section 5. Section 3.63.010.C of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. Terms of Office. The term for all positions on the commission shall be four years. Each position shall expire on May 31st of the last year of the term. The expiration date of the terms of the positions on the commission shall be staggered so that no more than four positions expire in the same year.

No person shall serve on any City Council advisory board or commission for more than two consecutive terms, provided a person appointed to fill an unexpired term of less than two years is eligible to serve two additional successive four-year terms, and provided further, a person who is ineligible to serve for having served two consecutive terms may again serve after two years have elapsed from the end of the second such term. This limitation to two consecutive terms means service on the same board or commission for two successive terms, or service on one board or commission for one term followed by service on another board or commission for another term; and whereby a term is defined as service of two years or longer.

Section 6. Section 3.64.010.C of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. Terms of Office. The term for all positions on the commission shall be four years. Each position shall expire on May 31st of the last year of the term. The expiration date of the terms of the positions on the commission shall be staggered so that no more than four positions expire in the same year.

No person shall serve on any City Council advisory board or commission for more than two consecutive terms;; provided, that a person appointed to fill an unexpired term of less than two years is eligible to serve two additional successive four-year terms, and provided further, a person who is ineligible to serve for having served two consecutive terms may again serve after two years have elapsed from the end of the second such term. This limitation to two consecutive terms means service on the same board or commission for two successive terms, or service on one board or commission for one term followed by service on another board or commission for another term; and whereby a term is defined as service of two years or longer.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this 23rd day of SEPTEMBER, 2025
and signed in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

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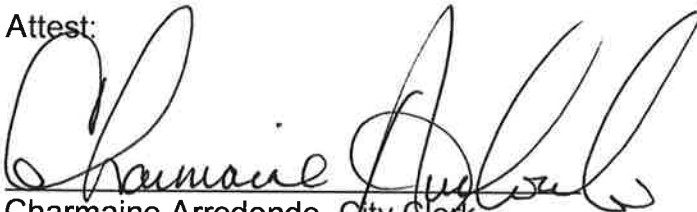
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