



Village Manager's Office

SUBJECT: Administration Committee Recommendations Concerning Boards & Commissions

MEETING DATE: October 13, 2020- Introduction of Ordinance
October 27, 2020- Adoption of Ordinance

FROM: [Michael Braiman](#), Village Manager

BUDGET IMPACT: None

Recommended Motions

Move to adopt Ordinance #2020-O-44 amending the Wilmette Village Code concerning boards and commissions.

Background & Discussion

At the October 13, 2020 Village Board meeting, the Board discussed the Administration Committee's report and recommendations regarding boards and commissions. Following the discussion, there have been several changes to Ordinance #2020-O-44. These changes are described below and highlighted in yellow in the attached ordinance.

- Human Relations Commission student terms- At the recommendation of New Trier High School, Loyola Academy and Regina Dominican High School, the two student terms have been changed from two-year to one-year terms
- Human Relations Commission preferred qualifications- At the suggestion of Trustee Kennedy, the Ordinance has been amended such that the Village President may also give preference to candidates who are:
 - experienced and trained in the law;
 - historians or have extensive training and schooling in American history.
- Human Relations Commission Purpose- Item #2 of the purpose inadvertently did not include religious beliefs and is amended as follows (yellow highlight is the new addition):

- To support all segments of the population including, **but not limited to**, youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, **black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning (LGBTQ), all persons regardless of their religious beliefs**, and low income groups;
- Appointments to unexpired terms- At the October 13 meeting President Bielinski asked staff to review this item. While the Village Code currently states for most boards or commissions that “*The appointment of a member to fill a vacancy shall be made for the remainder of the unexpired term*”, this has not been the Village’s practice for at least the past 10 years. The Ordinance has been amended to reflect current practice such that new member terms will start fresh rather than filling the remainder of an unexpired term.

There are also a number of technical amendments to clarify language which do not alter the substance of the Ordinance. These changes are also highlighted in yellow in the attached Ordinance.

Budget Impact

There is no budget impact.

Documents Attached

1. Ordinance #2020-O-44
2. Email communications
3. Presentation for October 13, 2020 Village Board meeting
4. Report from the Administration Committee