

ORDINANCE 26-0180: UPDATING ADVISORY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 2-412 AND 2-413 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS, REGARDING PARTICIPATION LIMITS, LEADERSHIP CAPACITY, LIAISON DESIGNATIONS, AND GEOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION EVENTS.



MAIN POINTS



Participation Limits: Capping membership at three boards/commissions and chair positions at two. Current members exceeding these limits are "grandfathered" in until their current terms expire.



Liaison Updates: Granting the Mayor the authority to designate Aldermanic Liaisons to Cultural and Historic Heritage Advisory Boards to enhance communication.



Geographic Focus: Requiring all official events/fundraisers to stay within Aurora, with a formal waiver process through the Mayor and the Rules, Administration, and Procedures (RAP) Committee for exceptions.

RATIONALE - WHY NOW

1. Participation and Limits

- **Reason:** Healthier workload for volunteers. More reliable quorums. Open seats for diverse, emerging leaders

2. Aldermanic Liaison Updates

- **Reason:** To strengthen the bridge between the City Council and our specialized advisory bodies.

3. Geographic Focus for Events and Fundraising

- **Reason:** Keeps spending local. Showcases Aurora venues and businesses. Maintains flexibility for unique partnerships or circumstances.

IMPLEMENTATION & GUARDRAILS

Apply limits
prospectively via
term expirations

Communications
plan to board
chairs and
volunteers

Tracking: quorum
rates, vacancy fills,
volunteer pipeline

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION - QUESTIONS?

1. A '3-Board / 2-Chair' cap per volunteer—with full grandfathering until current terms end—to stabilize meetings and open seats for new voices.

2. It formalizes the Mayor's authority to designate Aldermanic Liaisons specifically to our Cultural and LGBTQ+ Advisory Boards—creating a reliable, direct line to Council for these communities.

3. It requires board events and fundraisers to take place within Aurora—supporting our local economy—while allowing a waiver jointly approved by the Mayor and the RAP Committee when exceptions are necessary.

