

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An Ordinance amending Section 2-3.02 of the Columbus Code to exempt certain Board and Commission appointees from residency requirements; to amend the necessary Pension Plan provisions to remove the named members of that Board from the requirement that they reside in and be registered voters in Muscogee County; and for other purposes.

**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEARBY ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1.

Section 2-3.02 of the Columbus code is hereby amended by striking the existing code section in its entirety and substituting a new Section 2-3.02 to read as follows:

**“Sec. 2-3.02. Qualification of board, commission and authority appointees; oath.**

(a) Those persons appointed to boards, commissions and authorities of Columbus, Georgia, shall be residents and qualified registered voters of Columbus, Georgia. except salaried employees or salaried officials of the consolidated government who are designated to serve by virtue of their position and those who are otherwise excepted from this residency requirement by the Ordinance establishing that board, authority or commission.

(b) Appointees to boards, commissions and authorities of Columbus, Georgia, before assuming the duties of their offices, shall take the following oath before the mayor of Columbus, Georgia (salaried employees or salaried officials of the consolidated government who are designated to serve and those who are serving in positions for which the residency requirement has been removed by ordinance may omit that portion of the oath which requires them to swear that they are residents and qualified voters of Columbus, Georgia):

‘I \_\_\_\_\_(name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a resident and qualified registered voter of Columbus, Georgia, and that I will faithfully and impartially demean myself as a member of the \_\_\_\_\_(name of board) during my continuance in office; that I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability; that I will do so agreeably with the laws of the United States of America, the State of Georgia, and the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, so help me God.’”

SECTION 2.

Section 8.01 of the Pension Plan for General Government Employees and Section 8.01 of the Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety are each hereby amended to add the following sentence at the end of the section:

“Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 2-3.02 of the Columbus Code the six named members of the Board of Trustees referred to herein shall not be required to reside in Columbus, Georgia, be registered voters in Columbus, Georgia or take the portion of the oath swearing that they are residents and qualified voters of Columbus, Georgia.”

SECTION 3.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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First introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 25th day of October 2022, and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____
Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor House	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____

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Sandra T. Davis  
Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III  
Mayor