

## ORDINANCE

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code Section 2-1. to revise term limits for Columbus boards, commissions and authorities, and for other purposes.

### THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

#### SECTION 1.

Section 2-1. of the Columbus Code shall be repealed and replaced with a new Section 2-1. which shall read as follows:

##### **“ Sec. 2-1. Governing bodies, generally.**

The governing body of the city shall be administered by the council of consolidated government, officers, boards and agencies, as established and provided in the charter, and the manner therein provided; and by the officers, boards and agencies provided by this Code. Appointees appointed hereunder who have served three consecutive full terms shall not be eligible to succeed themselves until the lapse of 12 months from the end of said terms. This limitation shall not apply to permanent full-time employees of the consolidated government who are serving in appointed positions, to the Muscogee County Board of Elections, to the Columbus, Georgia Employees' Pension Plan Board of Trustees, to the Columbus Airport Commission, to the Board of Honor, to the Columbus Housing Authority, to the Medical Center Hospital Authority, to the Columbus, Georgia Hospital Authority, to the Columbus Building Authority, to the Downtown Development Authority, to the Resource Recovery Development Authority, or to any other board or authority where state law permits service of more than three consecutive full terms. The rule of succession contained in this section shall be controlling unless the ordinance or state law creating a particular board, commission or authority specifically provides a more stringent term limit. Appointees serving initial staggered terms that are shorter in length than a full term shall nevertheless be eligible to succeed themselves for three successive full terms in addition to serving the shorter staggered term. Members of the Columbus Council shall not be appointed to serve upon boards, commissions, or authorities of the consolidated government unless such appointment is expressly required by state law. To the extent that persons with the necessary qualifications are available, boards, commissions and authorities of the consolidated government shall have among their members at least one resident from each of the two senatorial districts into which Muscogee County is divided for representation in the General Assembly; in determining what qualifications are necessary, the council shall look to existing ordinances or resolutions.

Unless authorized by law or ordinance or resolution, the Columbus Council shall not appoint to any board, commission, or authority an employee of the consolidated government or an employee of any of its subordinate branches or an employee of any board, commission, or authority the members of which are appointed by the Columbus Council.”

#### SECTION 2.

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

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 12th day of August 2025; and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Anker	voting _____.
Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor Hickey	voting _____.
Councilor Huff	voting _____.
Councilor Tucker	voting _____.

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**Lindsey G. McLemore**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
Mayor