

ORDINANCE No. 2024-O 28
AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 2.08.130 TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO
ENSURE QUORUM

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Whitewater Municipal Code Section 2.08.130 is hereby created to read as follows:

2.08.130 – Temporary Appointments to Ensure Quorum

(1) Authority to Temporarily Fill Vacancies and Method of Selection

(a) At the Council's organization meeting after a new Council is seated the Common Council shall establish a list of Council members who are willing to accept temporary appointments to boards and commissions (hereinafter referred to as subcommittees.)

(b) If there is sufficient time to add the temporary appointment to a regular Common Council meeting, the matter shall be added to the Council agenda and the Common Council shall appoint a member.

(c) If there is not sufficient time to add the matter to an agenda, the Council President shall appoint a Council member from the list of Council members who are willing to serve as temporary appointees.

(d) The Council President shall make reasonable efforts to appoint Council members in the following order: The initial order of the list shall be determined by drawing names at a Council meeting. When a member is appointed to a temporary position, their name shall move to the bottom of the list.

(2) Appointment Restriction

(a) This ordinance does not apply to boards, commissions, or committees where state law prohibits the appointment of members. It also does not apply in the following situations:

1. When the authority to appoint members is assigned to another entity.
2. When temporarily appointing a Common Council member would conflict with the statutory requirements for the composition of the board, commission, or committee.

(b) No alternate shall be appointed under the following circumstances:

1. If the appointment would result in the subcommittee having four council members seated for the meeting.

2. If appointing a Common Council alternate to a subcommittee, which typically has two council members, would cause the total number of council members at the meeting to equal or exceed a majority of a quorum for the subcommittee.

Ordinance introduced by Council Member Hicks, who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Council Member Brown.

AYES: Council President Singer, Councilmembers Schanen, Brown, Majkrzak, Dawsey Smith, Hicks

NOES:

ABSENT: Councilmember Smith

ADOPTED: January 21, 2025




John Weidl, City Manager


Heather Boehm, City Clerk