



MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE:

To: Members of the Common Council

From: Ash Kulak, Deputy Administrator/Attorney

Date: November 27, 2024

Re: Resolution 2024-27 – Approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between The City of Bloomington and Monroe County, Indiana – Re: Building Code Authority

Synopsis

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement extends through January 1, 2027 the long-term arrangement between the City of Bloomington and Monroe County to combine and coordinate the provision of certain building code services. This interlocal cooperation is authorized by Indiana Code § 36-1-7 et seq.

Relevant Materials

- Resolution 2024-27
- Exhibit A - Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and Monroe County, Indiana Regarding Building Code Authority
- Staff Memo from Corporation Counsel Rice

Summary

Resolution 2024-27 approves an Interlocal Agreement with the County that would extend the County's authority over the administration of building codes for the next two calendar years, through January 1, 2027.

Since 1996, when the County adopted a comprehensive plan and was able to exercise zoning authority over unincorporated areas outside of the City of Bloomington, also known as the former 2-mile fringe, the City and County have had agreements over building codes and, for most of that time, the planning and zoning jurisdictions. The principal benefit of the agreement is to provide a convenient and efficient mechanism for citizens of Monroe County and the City of Bloomington to obtain building permits, which the County processes on behalf of the City.

The two biggest changes from last year include the extension of the term by two calendar years instead of one, and a quarterly staff meeting provision.

Interlocal agreements are authorized and governed by I.C. 36-1-7 and following statutes and must include the:

- duration;
- purpose;
- manner of financing, budgeting, staffing and supplying the joint undertaking;
- method(s) for partially or completely terminating the agreement and for disposing of property in the event of a partial or complete termination;



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- administration either through a separate entity or a joint board with powers as delegated by the agreement; and
- manner of acquiring, holding, and disposing of property used in the joint undertaking (when a joint board is created).
- In addition, these agreements may include any other appropriate matters.

[I.C. 36-1-7-3.](#)

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