

**PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07**

**A RESOLUTION PLEDGING SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION
AUTHORIZING A TOWN WITH A POPULATION GREATER THAN
34,000 INDIVIDUALS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF TOWN
CONTROLLER AND ELECTED TOWN CLERK**

WHEREAS, the Town of Plainfield (“Plainfield”) is a duly formed municipal corporation within the State of Indiana, governed by its duly elected Town Council (“Council”); and

WHEREAS, Plainfield is incorporated as a town under the provisions of Ind. Code § 36-5 *et. seq.*, and according to the 2020 Federal Census, has a current population of 34,625 individuals residing therein; and

WHEREAS, Plainfield is the second largest incorporated town within the State of Indiana with commensurate budget and fiscal responsibilities similar to that of several class II Indiana cities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-5-6-2, the elected Clerk-Treasurer for Plainfield is both the town clerk and the town fiscal officer; and

WHEREAS, while Plainfield currently enjoys and administers an effective town government, increased population growth and economic development within its boundaries demands high levels of proficiency in fiscal management and fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, despite the need for elevated fiscal and financial experience and expertise, as well as the ability to change its governmental structure to a class II city, Plainfield desires to maintain a town governmental structure and does not wish to be categorized as a class II city under Indiana law; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2022, Indiana Senator Michael Young authored and introduced Senate Bill 163, which among other items and upon its passage, would authorize a town with a population of more than 34,000 persons to create the office of town controller, as appointed by the town legislative body; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Senate Bill 163 would allow Plainfield to maintain the governmental classification of a town, yet fiscally operate similar to a class II city in that Plainfield would cease to elect a Clerk-Treasurer and the Council instead would be authorized to appoint a town controller with proportionate financial expertise to manage Plainfield’s growing fiscal budget and handle its other monetary affairs; and

WHEREAS, in the best interest of Town of Plainfield, its Council now resolves to support Senate Bill 163 or any other similar state legislation that would enable and afford Plainfield the opportunity to create an appointed office of town controller while maintaining its status as a town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Plainfield Town Council, Hendricks County Indiana, that:

Section 1. The foregoing Recitals are incorporated herein.

Section 2. Pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-5-6-2, as an incorporated town, Plainfield currently elects a Clerk-Treasurer to operate as both the town clerk and the town fiscal officer.

Section 3. According to the 2020 Federal Census, Plainfield has experienced increased population growth to become the second largest town within the State of Indiana with a current population of 34,625 individuals.

Section 4. As the second largest town in the State, Plainfield manages a budget and performs fiscal responsibilities commensurate to several large Indiana class II cities.

Section 5. Senator Michael Young has initiated legislation to allow towns with a population of over 34,000 to maintain town governmental status and structure yet operate similar to an Indiana class II city in that such town would be afforded the opportunity to create an office of town controller instead of an elected clerk treasurer to manage the fiscal operations of the town.

Section 6. If Senator Young's legislation is passed, and a town controller is appointed for Plainfield, there would still be an elected Town Clerk to carry out all statutory duties and responsibilities of a town clerk.

Section 7. Plainfield, by and through its Council, has now determined that Plainfield would be better suited to have a town controller manage the fiscal responsibilities of the town.

Section 8. As such, this Resolution shall memorialize the support of Plainfield of any amendment to current Indiana Code by the State legislature through Senate Bill 163, or otherwise, that would allow Plainfield to create an office of town controller.

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PASSED THIS 10th DAY OF JANUARY 2022 BY THE PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA.

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