



# Common Council

## Agenda Item

### Cover Sheet

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**MEETING DATE:** April 15, 2025

- ☐ Previously Discussed Ordinance
- ☐ Proposed Development Presentation
- ☐ New Ordinance for Discussion
- ☒ Miscellaneous
- ☐ Transfer

**ITEM or ORDINANCE:** #2

**PRESENTED BY:** Tom MacDonald

- ☒ Information Attached
- ☐ Verbal
- ☐ No Paperwork at Time of Packets



**TO:** Noblesville Common Council

**FROM:** Jeffrey L. Spalding, CFO & Controller  
Tom MacDonald, Deputy Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:** Quarterly Appropriation Transfers per Resolution #RC-1-25, Section 1

**DATE:** April 15, 2025

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Resolution #RC-1-25, Section 1, grants the Controller the authority to execute fiscally neutral appropriation transfers of no greater than \$50,000 per transfer and \$125,000 in total per fiscal quarter for the realignment of department budgets for technical purposes. Section 2 extends this authority to appropriation transfers for pay adjustments that do not raise a position's annualized wage above the maximum allowed by the most recently adopted salary ordinance, as long as appropriation authority for personal services contingency remains available.

Section 3 requires the Controller to report all appropriation transfers executed under this authority to the Common Council no later than the second Council meeting in the months of April, July, October, and December. Consistent with this requirement, no fiscally neutral appropriation transfers were executed under RC-1-25 for the first quarter ending March 31, 2025.

A copy of Resolution #RC-1-25 is attached for your reference.

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. RC-1-25

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ROUTINE FISCAL ACTIONS  
FOR BUDGET YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, appropriations authorized from a Civil City fund, in the annual budget ordinance, are allocated to departments and further sub-allocated by four (4) major expenditure categories: 1) Personal Services; 2) Supplies; 3) Services & Other Charges; and 4) Capital Outlay.

WHEREAS, approval by the local fiscal body is required to increase, reduce, or transfer of appropriation authority within a Civil City fund.

WHEREAS, certain fiscal demands may arise subsequent to the adoption of the current Civil City annual budget so that it becomes necessary to transfer appropriation authority within a fund without increasing the overall appropriation authority.

WHEREAS, in some cases, those actions may involve transfers from the Personal Services Contingency to a departmental budget for a pay adjustment that does not increase a position's annualized wage rate above the maximum amount by the most recently approved Salary Ordinance for 2025.

WHEREAS, in the interest of sound budget management practice, executing a resolution or ordinance for each small, fiscally neutral adjustment is inefficient and of questionable benefit.

WHEREAS, the City's central finance believes a more effective process is to submit a summary list of such transfers to the Common Council for review on a recurring basis.

WHEREAS, the determination of certain budget shortfalls is not confirmed until after the final Common Council meeting of the budget year,

WHEREAS, for each budget year the City's central finance office must close the accounting period, at year end, and compile an annual report of the City's financial position.

WHEREAS, the Common Council expects all departmental expenditures to be less than or equal to departmental appropriations at the time of the official accounting period close for each budget year.

WHEREAS, during the annual budget approval process, when submitting certain current year financial estimates to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance planned reversions of appropriations are not acknowledged without authorization by the Common Council that appropriations have been reduced.

WHEREAS, executing an ordinance to reduce appropriations in a fund to reflect planned reversions in the current year is inefficient and of questionable benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Common Council of the City of Noblesville, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION 1: For the 2025 budget year, the Controller is authorized to execute appropriation transfers within a Civil City fund that do not increase or decrease the total appropriations from the fund, of no greater than \$50,000 per transfer and \$125,000 in total per fiscal quarter, as necessary to cover routine re-alignments of departmental budgets that are technical in nature.

SECTION 2: For the 2025 budget year, the Controller is authorized to execute appropriation transfers within a Civil City fund that do not increase or decrease the total appropriations from the fund, for merit and across-the-board pay adjustments authorized in the 2025 Civil City Adopted Budget and any other pay adjustments that do not raise a position's annualized wage rate above the maximum amount allowed by the most recently adopted salary ordinance, using only unencumbered appropriation balances available within the fund's Personal Services Contingency.

SECTION 3: The Controller must present for review, to the Common Council, a summary of all appropriation transfers executed under SECTION 1 and SECTION 2, except for pay adjustments authorized in the 2025 Civil City Adopted Budget, no later than the second Council meeting for the months of April, July, October, and December.










SECTION 4: The Controller is authorized to execute appropriation transfers, within a Civil City fund, that do not increase or decrease the total appropriations from the fund, as necessary to cover any departmental budget shortfalls existing during the official year-end accounting period close process for 2025.

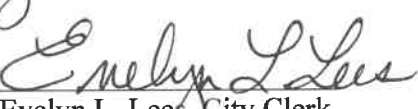
SECTION 5: The Controller must present for review, to the Common Council, a summary of all appropriation transfers executed under SECTION 4 no later than the first Council meeting convened in February of the subsequent year.

SECTION 6: The Controller is authorized to reduce appropriations from a Civil City fund, only to the extent of known reversions, when submitting current year financial estimates to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance as part of the annual budget approval process.

SECTION 7: The Controller must present for review, to the Common Council, a summary of all planned appropriation reductions to be executed under SECTION 6 no later than the first Council meeting in November, and a summary of all final appropriation reductions executed under SECTION 6 no later than the first Council convened in February of the subsequent year.

Approved on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025 by the Common Council of the City of Noblesville, Indiana:

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	Mark Boice		
	Michael J. Davis		
	Evan Elliott		
	David M. Johnson		
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	Aaron Smith		
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ATTEST:   
Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

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Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Noblesville, Indiana, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025 at 8:00 A.M.

Evelyn L. Lees  
Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

MAYOR'S APPROVAL

Chris Jensen  
Chris Jensen, Mayor

1-15-25  
Date

MAYOR'S VETO

Chris Jensen, Mayor

Date

ATTEST: Evelyn L. Lees  
Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

