

No. 35-04-OR

## AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Article II, § 207.03 by deleting the prohibition on Appeals Board members serving more than two terms.

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County will be releasing property assessment values based on the reassessment in 2005 for review and appeal by property owners prior to the values taking effect in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of that process, the Appeals Board is charged with the responsibility of hearing and deciding all appeals concerning the valuations of parcels of real property within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the current members have served through a prior reassessment, bringing valuable expertise and experience to the table that would be invaluable to the residents of Allegheny County, yet such members are prohibited from continuing to serve because they are serving their second term; and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of such prohibition would allow for continuity on the Appeals Board and in the assessment process, providing some stability during a year in which many other things will be in flux.

***The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:***

### **SECTION 1.**

Article II, § 207.03 (B) of the Administrative Code is amended as follows:

**§ 207.03. Qualifications of Board Members; appointment; terms; organization of Appeals Board.**

- B. Four members of the Appeals Board shall be appointed by the County Council. Three members of the Appeals Board shall be appointed by the Chief Executive, with the consent of at least a majority of the seated members of County Council. In order to achieve staggered terms, in the first year of its existence, by lot, three members shall serve a term of one year, two members shall serve a term of two years and the remaining members shall serve a term of three years. Thereafter, all terms shall be for three years. No member shall serve more than ~~two~~ four consecutive terms. Reappointment must occur 30 days prior to the expiration of the current term. No

member can serve as a member of the Appeals Board at the expiration of the term, unless reappointed.

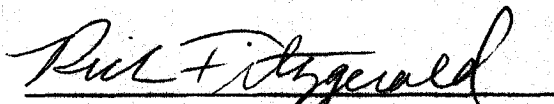
**SECTION 2.** *If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect.*

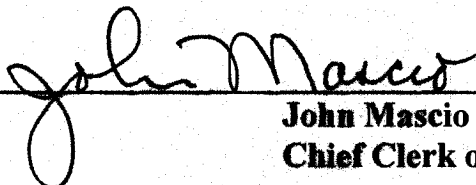
**SECTION 3.** *Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.*

**SPONSORED BY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT FONTANA**

Enacted in Council, this 3rd day of November, 2004

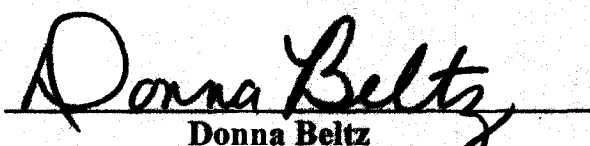
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