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**AMENDMENT TO PORTLAND CITY CODE  
CHAPTER TWO, ARTICLE III (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES)  
RE: TERM LIMITATIONS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. *That Section 2-32(c) of the Portland City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:*

**Sec. 2-32. Limitation on term of service--Generally.**

(a) No person shall be appointed to, nor serve, more than three (3) consecutive full terms or nine (9) consecutive-years, whichever is greater, on the same board or commission of the city.

(b) The foregoing limitation shall apply only to service as a regular voting member of the board or commission, and not to service as an alternate nor as a nonvoting member.

(c) To the extent that this Code provides for a different limitation on the term of service for a specific board or commission, the limitation provided in this article shall apply. (Ord. No. 301-91, 4-1-91)

2. *That Section 2-33(a) of the Portland City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:*

**Sec. 2-33. Applicability.**

(a) The above limitation on terms shall apply to the following boards and commissions:

- (1) Board of appeals;
- (2) Board of assessment review;
- (3) Board of harbor commissioners;

- (4) Cable television committee (CATV);(5) Civil service commission employment subcommittee;
- (6) Civil service commission police citizen review subcommittee;
- (7) Community development block grant allocation committee;
- (8) Friends of the park;
- (9) Historic preservation committee;
- (10) Land bank commission;
- 11) Planning board; and
- (12) Portland public art committee;

(b) The above limitation on terms shall not be applied retroactively and shall apply to any person serving on one (1) of the above-named boards or commissions on the effective date of this section (5/1/91) beginning with the expiration of the term in which they are so serving. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the limitation on terms shall be applied to members serving on the boards and commissions identified in Section 2-33, subsection (a), paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 12, beginning with the expiration of the term of any sitting board or commission member following the passage of this amendment.

(c) Nothing herein shall prevent consecutive appointment of any person to a different board or commission from that on which he or she has served the maximum consecutive time.

(d) In the case of the board of harbor commissioners, such limitation shall apply only to the two (2) members appointed by the City Council.

(e) Any member on the above-named boards or commissions who completes the maximum years of service prior to the expiration of his or her term shall be allowed to complete that term of service and to continue to serve after expiration of that term until a successor is appointed and qualified, provided such service shall not continue in excess of one hundred twenty (120) days after expiration of the term. (Ord. No. 301-91, 4-1-91; Substitute Ord. No. 233-99, §2, 4-5-99)

**Sec. 2-34. Period of ineligibility.**

Any person who completes the maximum terms or years of service on a board or commission shall be ineligible for reappointment to that board or commission for a period of three (3) consecutive calendar years from the date of completion of such maximum terms or years of service.  
(Ord. No. 301-91, 4-1-91)

3. *That Section 2-49(a) of the Portland City Code (Civil Service Commission) is hereby amended to read as follows:*

**Sec. 2-49. Qualifications.**

(a) *Qualifications of commissioners.* Every civil service commissioner and alternate shall be a resident of the City of Portland and shall be of good moral character. In addition, the following persons shall not be eligible for appointment to, or service on the Commission:

- (1) Any present or former employee of the city;
- (2) Any present or former member of the City Council; or
- (3) Any civil service commissioner who has completed three (3) consecutive full terms of three (3) years as provided in Chapter 2, Article III.

4. *That Section 2-51(b) of the Portland City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:*

**Sec. 2-51. Terms.**

. . . .

(b) *Limitation on service.* The term limitations of Chapter 2, Article III shall apply to service on each of the subcommittees of the civil service commission.