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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT WAYNE COMMON COUNCIL  
4 SUPPORTING NO VACCINE PASSPORT RESOLUTION  
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6 WHEREAS, Allen County has led a successful campaign to vaccinate its  
7 residents against Covid-19, and as of May 24, 2021, approximately 37% of its  
8 citizens have received at least one vaccination, and;

9 WHEREAS, over 71% percent of state residents 60 and older are fully  
10 vaccinated against Covid-19; and this age group has had access to vaccinations  
11 since February; and

12 WHEREAS, all populations 12 and older are now are eligible and have access to  
13 the vaccine; and

14 WHEREAS, 11% of Allen County citizens may already have infection-  
15 acquired immunity using reported numbers from the Allen Count Department  
16 of Health; and

17 WHEREAS, herd immunity, which includes both vaccinated and those with  
18 infection-acquired immunity, has either been achieved or will shortly be realized;  
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20 WHEREAS, the science of the virus has shifted over the course of the  
21 pandemic, and although doctors and science professionals now have a better  
22 understanding of Covid-19 and effective treatment options than they did when the  
23 virus was first identified in the United States in 2020, there are still many differing  
24 theories about many aspects of the virus including variants and the need for booster  
25 vaccines; and

26 WHEREAS, every adult who wants a vaccine has the right to obtain one  
27 and the ability to do so, as they are widely available and offered for free, but no  
28 vaccine should be mandated or required by law; and

29 WHEREAS, people have the right to refuse vaccination based on religious,  
30 medical or personal reasons, and every medical intervention requires informed  
31 consent and the right of refusal, including the Covid-19 vaccine; and

32 WHEREAS, the currently available Covid-19 vaccinations have not yet been  
33 fully approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), but have been issued an  
34 Emergency Use Authorization and the long-term effects of the vaccine are still  
35 unknown; and  
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1           **WHEREAS**, except in certain healthcare facilities and other exceptional  
2 circumstances is it reasonable to ask someone or request that someone disclose  
3 any healthcare status, especially as it relates to employment, education, access to  
4 events, or engagement in standard commercial or recreational activity; and

5           **WHEREAS**, private health information on vaccine status should not be  
6 required by any government mandate or by any business operating places of  
7 public accommodation; and

8           **WHEREAS**, widespread adoption of Covid-19 vaccination passports, or any  
9 requirement of proof of vaccination by businesses on an allegedly voluntary basis  
10 will unduly and unnecessarily restrict the freedom of Americans and harm patient  
11 privacy; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Covid-19 vaccination passports will create a two-tiered society,  
13 where some people will have rights, and others will lose their freedom by not  
14 having the same access to services, experiences, and locations; and

15           **WHEREAS**, once a Covid-19 vaccination passport system is in place, it could  
16 be manipulated to restrict freedom based on not just vaccine status, but also on the  
17 basis of protected activity (such as the exercise of free speech or religious activity),  
18 protected categories (race, ethnicity, sex, disability, etc.), or any personal decision or  
19 preference that a government or business considers acceptable; and

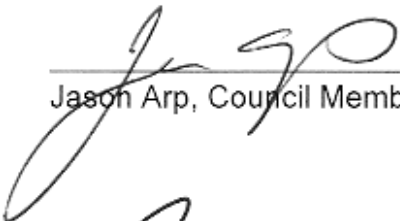
20           **WHEREAS**, numerous other governmental units are opposing Covid-19  
21 vaccination passports, including the decision by the Indiana General Assembly to  
22 ban them in HEA 1405, to be codified as § IC 16-36-11-5; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the Fort Wayne Common Council desires to express its  
24 opposition to the concept of Covid-19 vaccination passports and to express its  
25 support for the rights of individuals and families living in a community to direct their  
26 own health futures.

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28           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FORT WAYNE COMMON COUNCIL**,  
29 that the Council expresses its opposition to Covid-19 vaccination passports and any  
30 other similar governmental requirements that disenfranchises local citizens of the right  
31 to make their own health care choices and move freely within society.

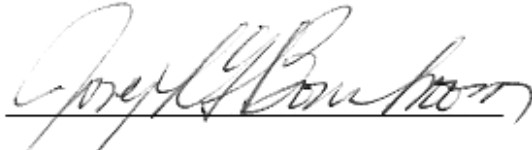
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33           Furthermore, it is unreasonable, except in certain healthcare related activities and other  
34 exceptional circumstances, to require a person to disclose the status of his or her  
35 COVID-19 immunization for employment, education, access to events, or engagement  
36 in normal commercial and recreational activities. All adults should have the freedom to  
37 evaluate science and seek out appropriate medical opinions, while making decisions for  
38 themselves and their families.

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Paul Ensley, Council Member

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# **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS**

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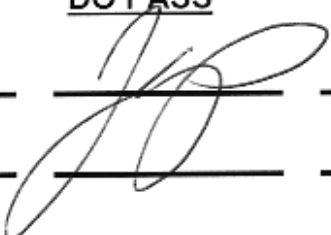


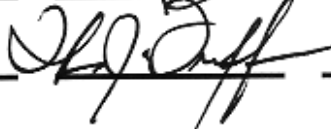
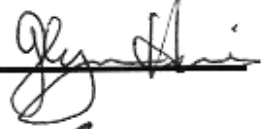
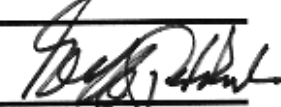


**Tom Freistroffer Chair**

**Geoff Paddock Co-Chair**

**All Council Members**

A Resolution of the Fort Wayne Common Council supporting no vaccine passport resolution

COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS HAVE HAD SAID Ordinance under consideration and beg leave to report back to the Common Council that said Ordinance

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