

**ORDINANCE TO
REPEAL ARTICLE XIII TOWN SQUARE PROGRAMMING
COMMISSION OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN
GENERAL ORDINANCES**

**SPONSOR: ALD. JONATHAN LAMPE
FROM: PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION**

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Article XIII Town Square Programming Commission of Chapter 24 is hereby repealed.

~~§24-25 Membership.~~

~~The Town Square Programing Commission shall consist of seven voting members and shall be staffed by the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Programming Events Coordinator who shall be non-voting members of the Commission. All members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the Common Council. One member shall be designated by the Watertown Chamber of Commeree, one member shall be designated by the Watertown Redevelopment Authority, one member shall be designated by the Watertown Tourism Commission, one member shall be designated by the Watertown Main Street Program, the remaining three members shall be selected by the Mayor with approval of the Common Council provided that one member on the Commission shall be an Alderperson, one member shall be a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and one member shall reside within the boundaries of the Watertown Unified School District.~~

~~§ 24-26 Terms of office.~~

~~The terms of office for each member of the Commission shall be three years, except that the Aldermanic member of the Commission shall be appointed annually by the Mayor. All terms shall commence effective May 1 of the year of appointment. Except that the initial members of the Commission shall serve reduced terms as follows:~~

- ~~A. The designees from the Watertown Chamber of Commeree and Watertown Redevelopment Authority shall serve an initial term of May 1, 2023 to May 1, 2024;~~
- ~~B. The designee from Watertown Tourism Commission and the Mayor's appointment of a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission shall serve an initial term of May 1, 2023 to May 1, 2025; and~~
- ~~C. The designee from Watertown Main Street Program and the Mayor's appointment of a member who resides within the boundaries of the Watertown Unified School District shall serve an initial term of May 1, 2023 to May 1, 2026.~~

~~§ 24-27 Duties.~~

~~The duties of the Commission shall be as follows:~~

- ~~A. Solicit community input regarding programs the community would be interested in seeing held at the Bentzin Family Town Square.~~
- ~~B. Provide guidance to the Programming Events Coordinator regarding types of entertainment bookings and event programming the City is interested in seeing held at the Bentzin Family Town Square.~~
- ~~C. The Commission shall exercise broad responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of the Bentzin Family Town Square to better serve the City.~~
- ~~D. The Commission is authorized to create and appoint advisory groups to make studies and to disseminate information on all of its activities. Such groups shall serve without compensation.~~
- ~~E. The Commission shall transmit to the Common Council a report annually highlighting the activities at the Bentzin Family Town Square, and also such additional reports as the Commission deems in the public interest.~~

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

Adopted April 21, 2026
Signed - Megan Dunneisen- City Clerk
Approved April 21, 2026
Signed – Robert Stocks- Mayor
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