



South Bend Common Council

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At-Large Council Member
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To: South Bend Common Council
Office of the City Clerk
From: Councilmember At-Large Rachel Tomas Morgan; Chair, Health and Public Safety Committee
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2025 Annual Report of the Health and Public Safety Committee

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 2-10(i) of the South Bend Municipal Code, this report sets forth a summary of business conducted by the Common Council's Health and Public Safety Committee for the year 2024.

Duties: The Health and Public oversees the various activities performed by the Fire and Police Departments, EMS, Department of Code Enforcement, ordinance violations, and related health and public safety matters.

Members: Four (4) Council Members and two (2) Citizen Members served on the Committee in 2024. They included:

1. Councilmember At-Large, Rachel Tomas Morgan, Chairperson
2. Councilmember District 4, Troy Warner, Vice-Chair
3. Councilmember At-Large, Oliver Davis, Member
4. Councilmember District 3, Sharon McBride, Member
5. Councilmember District 6, Sheila Niezgodski, Member
6. Mr. Savino Rivera, Citizen Member

Meetings: Seven (7) public meetings were held in 2025. The Committee reviewed and held hearings on five (5) bills during calendar year 2025. The committee meeting notices, minutes, and recordings have been posted and may be accessed in committee folders on the Common Council's website at <https://southbendin.gov/department/common-council/>. Meeting dates in 2025 and topics discussed are as follows:

MEETING DATES

BUSINESS DISCUSSED

January 13th, hybrid

Bill No. 74-24: Ordinance Establishing a Merit Board System Governing the South Bend Fire Department (*Substitute*)

February 24th, hybrid

Organizational Meeting

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April 28 th , hybrid	1. Bill No. <u>26-25</u> : Amending Chapter 13, Article 4, Section 13-58; Chapter 2, Article 12, Section 2-142; and Chapter 13, Article 10, Section 13-96 of the South Bend Municipal Code to Update the Regulations for Discharging Firearms 2. Bill No. <u>27-25</u> : Amending Chapter 13, Article 7, Section 13-81 of the South Bend Municipal Code to Update the Ordinances Prohibiting Public Nuisance Noises
August 14 th , hybrid	Presentation & Discussion: Reviewing municipal codes, passed by Council on April 28, 2025, updating the regulations for discharging firearms, and discussion on the topic of pellet guns, BB guns, and other air guns
September 22 nd , hybrid	Update: Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
November 10 th , hybrid	Bill No. <u>25-48</u> : Resolution on Behalf of the South Bend Common Council Consenting to the Renewal or Continuance of a Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency Until Any Order or Proclamation Lawfully Terminates the Local Disaster Emergency or the Passage of a Resolution by the Common Council Revoking This Consent
December 8 th , hybrid	Bill No. <u>78-25</u> : Amending Chapter 14, Article 15, Section 14-175 to Increase the Number of Public Safety Officers Available at No Cost to Event Organizers (Petitioner requested to table bill to January 12 th , 2026)

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson, Health and Public Safety Committee

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