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UPDATING BCCs in the MUNI CODE

- Provide for BCC term limits
 - 2 terms for PTC, HRC, PRC, PAC, UAC
 - 3 terms for ARB, HRB
- Move December recruitments to May
 - Would impact PTC, PRC, HRB, ARB
- Codify HRC's responsibility to make recommendations to Council regarding non-profit social services grants

FOUR POLICY ISSUES regarding TERM LIMITS

- For those who serve a partial term, does that count toward the term limit?
 - Suggestion: Yes, if more than ½ a full term is served
- For those who have served or are serving now, what counts toward the term limit?
 - Suggestion: If a BCC member has served since June 1 2020, 1 term counts
- Is there a limit on “holding over”?
 - Suggestion: 6 month limit on holding over
- How long must a termed-out commissioner sit out before serving again on the same BCC?
 - Suggestion: At least 1 year

POLICY ISSUES regarding RECRUITMENT SCHEDULES

- If Council moves recruitments from December to May, Council will need to specify how and when the transition occurs
 - Typically, incumbents' terms are lengthened (e.g. terms set to expire in December are extended to May)
 - Shortening is also a lawful option
 - Terms set to expire December 2021 or thereafter could be extended to May, or Council could choose a later implementation date (e.g. 2022)
- How to handle mid-term vacancies
 - Suggestion: No set rule; Council directs the Clerk when to conduct the recruitment.



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