

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

§ 32.10 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.

There is established a Human Rights Commission for the city.

(Ord. 516, passed 4-23-70; Am. Ord. 669, passed 8-31-78)

§ 32.11 COMPOSITION; TERM.

(A) The Commission shall be composed of eight members. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor who shall select persons who are nearly as possible representative of the several social, economic, religious, cultural, ethnic, sexual, and racial groups which comprise the population of the city. In addition, each member shall be a resident of the city.

(B) Members of the Commission shall serve for a term of three years each. Of the first members appointed, two shall be appointed for one year, three shall be appointed for two years, and three shall be appointed for three years; after the first appointments, all appointments shall be for a term of three years. Members may be eligible for reappointment for additional terms. In the event of resignation, incapacity, failure to attend three consecutive meetings, or death of any member, that member's successor shall fill the unexpired term. Before making new appointments, the Mayor shall request the recommendations from the Commission.

(Ord. 516, passed 4-23-70; Am. Ord. 669, passed 8-13-78; Am. Ord. 2005-1390, passed 9-8-05; Am. Ord. 2013-1615, passed 7-11-13)

§ 32.12 QUORUM.

Action by a majority of voting members present at a legal meeting shall be binding on the entire Commission.

(Ord. 516, passed 4-23-70; Am. Ord. 669, passed 8-31-78)

§ 32.13 COMPENSATION.

Members shall be compensated \$25 per meeting attended, subject to the approval of the Council and within the limits imposed by the budget, they shall be allowed their necessary expenses attendant on their duties.

(Ord. 516, passed 4-23-70; Am. Ord. 669, passed 8-31-78; Am. Ord. 2013-1615, passed 7-11-13)

§ 32.14 CHAIRMAN.

The Mayor shall designate one of the members of the Commission as chairman who shall serve as chairman at the pleasure of the Mayor.

(Ord. 516, passed 4-23-70; Am. Ord. 669, passed 8-31-78)

§ 32.15 DUTIES.

(A) The Commission shall endeavor to promote and secure mutual understanding and respect among all economic, social, religious, age, ethnic, sexual, and racial groups in the city, and shall

act as conciliator in controversies involving intergroup and interracial relations. The Commission shall cooperate with federal, state, and other city agencies in an effort to develop harmonious intergroup and interracial relations and shall endeavor to enlist the support of civic, religious, labor, industrial, and commercial groups and civic leaders dedicated to the improvement of intergroup and interracial relations and the elimination of discriminatory practices.

(B) The Commission shall receive complaints, conduct investigations, hold hearings, make studies, and have such studies made as will enable the Commission to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

(C) The Commission shall recommend to the Mayor and to the Council such legislation as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this subchapter.

(D) The Commission shall submit an annual report on March 1 of each year to the Mayor and to the Council.

(E) The Commission, on behalf of the city, may accept grants and donations from foundations and others for the purpose of carrying out its functions.

(Ord. 516, passed 4-23-70; Am. Ord. 669, passed 8-31-78)

§ 32.16 BUDGETS.

(A) The Commission shall prepare an annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall submit such budget to the Mayor and the Council for their approval.

(B) All budgetary expenditures shall be authorized by the Commission which shall elect one of its members as treasurer. The treasurer shall approve operational expenditures, and he shall make a semiannual financial report to the Commission. Copies of such semiannual financial report shall be sent to the Mayor and the Council.

(Ord. 516, passed 4-23-70; Am. Ord. 669, passed 8-31-78)

§ 32.17 SERVICES OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

The services of all other departments of the city shall be made available to the Commission on its request for such services. Information in the possession of any department, board, or agency of the city shall be furnished to the Commission on its request, and to the extent permitted by law. On the refusal of the director or head of any department, board, or agency of the city to furnish any information which has been requested by the Commission, the matter shall be referred to the Mayor who shall determine whether such information be furnished to the Commission, and the decision of the Mayor shall be final.

(Ord. 516, passed 4-23-70; Am. Ord. 669, passed 8-31-78)

§ 32.18 MEETINGS, OFFICERS, AND OFFICES.

(A) The Commission shall have the power to adopt rules to govern its proceedings. The meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public except as otherwise provided by law.

(B) The Commission shall meet as often as it deems necessary.

(C) The Commission shall elect a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers, except the chairman, who shall have been designated by the Mayor, as it shall deem necessary. The chairman of the Commission shall appoint such committees from time to time as the Commission may deem necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

(D) The Mayor is authorized to allocate adequate office space and to provide the necessary facilities in the city hall for the Commission if the office space and facilities are available.

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