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2.44.010 - Created.

There is created a commission to be known and designated as the Human Relations Commission.

(Ord. C-6570 § 1 (part), 1989).

2.44.020 - Purpose.

- A. To provide a forum to achieve better human relations and promote goodwill among individuals, groups and institutions in order to maintain civic pride and tranquility and enhance and improve mutual understanding and respect for all citizens of the community.
- B. To furnish the opportunity for the promotion and encouragement of positive human relations among citizens, groups and institutions and to consider, promote and develop programs for the reduction of tension, conflict, or violence which may arise from intolerance, prejudice and discrimination based upon race, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation or physical or mental disability.
- C. To aid the city council by submitting recommendations to the council regarding policies and programs to promote goodwill and better relations among all people.

(Ord. C-6570 § 1 (part), 1989).

2.44.030 - Members.

The human relations commission shall consist of thirteen members who are broadly representative of the racial, ethnic, religious, labor, business, age, gender, sexual orientation and disabled members of the general public. All members shall be appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation by the city council. There shall be one commission member appointed to represent each of the nine city council districts and four members appointed at large. Each member of the city council shall nominate an individual to the mayor to represent each respective council district. The mayor will notify the members of the city council of the names of the nominees at least one week prior to the placement of the appointments on the council agenda for confirmation.

(Ord. C-6570 § 1 (part), 1989).

2.44.040 - Functions.

- A. To provide a forum where human relations matters may be presented, discussed and evaluated for the purpose of submitting recommendations concerning said matters to the city council. Such matters may include issues relating to prejudice or discrimination in equal opportunity in employment, public accommodations, housing and education because of race, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, or mental or physical disability.
- B. To recommend programs to the city council in the areas of research and education for the purpose of lessening racial and religious prejudice and of fostering attitudes among various groups which lead to civil peace and intergroup understanding.
- C. To develop and recommend programs and plans to the city council designed to promote full acceptance of all citizens in the community in all aspects of community life.
- D. To recommend policies and procedures to the city council which will promote understanding and cooperation between the various departments of the city and the residents of the community, including programs relating to human relations training for city employees.

- E. To recommend to the city council measures, including legislation, which will serve to improve positive human relations and the elimination of discriminatory practices.

(Ord. C-6570 § 1 (part), 1989).

2.44.050 - Authority.

The commission shall make only advisory policy recommendations to the city council on human relations matters. Accordingly, the commission shall not sit as an adjudicatory body on any such matters and shall have no authority to compel the attendance of persons before it. The Commission shall neither be considered in theory nor function as a police review board.

Neither the commission nor any individual member thereof shall have any administrative or operational duties, functions or responsibilities and shall have no supervisory power or any authority over any officers, agents or employees of the city or the operation or conduct of any city department.

(Ord. C-6570 § 1 (part), 1989).

2.44.060 - Applicability of Chapter 2.18.

Except as provided in this chapter, the commission shall be governed by and shall operate and conduct its business in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2.18 of this code entitled "Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees."

(Ord. C-6570 § 1 (part), 1989).
