

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2.57
RELATING TO SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION
NAME CHANGE TO ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2022, the City of Long Beach’s (“City”) Senior
Citizen Advisory Commission (“Commission”) approved a recommendation to the City
Council by a 5-2 vote to approve the name change of the City’s Senior Citizen Advisory
Commission to the Advisory Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*
(JAGS), which adopted the *American Medical Association Manual of Style*, included
qualified recommendations for the language used to describe older people; and

WHEREAS, based on American Geriatrics Society work with the Leaders of
Aging Organizations and the FrameWorks Institute, these recommendations were
grounded in building better public perceptions of aging, reinforced “that words like (the)
aged, elder(s), (the) elderly, and seniors should not be used . . . because [they] connote
discrimination and certain negative stereotypes”; and

WHEREAS, JAGS thus adopted “older adult(s)” and “older person/people”
as preferred terminology, explicitly advocating against using “the elderly,” “senior(s),”
and/or “senior citizen(s)”; and

WHEREAS; the Commission recommends the City Council of the City of
Long Beach resolve to approve to change the name of the Senior Citizen Advisory
Commission to Advisory Commission on Aging.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as
follows:

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DAWM MCINTOSH, City Attorney
411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 9th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

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1 Section 1. Chapter 2.57 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended
2 in its entirety to read as follows:

3 Chapter 2.57

4 ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

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6 2.57.010 Created.

7 There is created a Commission to be known and designated as the
8 Advisory Commission on Aging.

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10 2.57.020 Members.

11 The Advisory Commission on Aging shall consist of nine (9) members.
12 Members shall be selected from the older adult segment of the City's residents
13 and shall be at least fifty (50) years of age. No paid representative of any public or
14 private older adult service organization shall serve as a member of this
15 Commission.

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17 2.57.030 Duties.

18 The duties of the Commission shall be as follows:

- 19 A. To act in an advisory capacity to any City department or City Council
20 Committee concerned with problems on all matters pertaining to older
21 adults and their needs;
- 22 B. To assemble information on problems and their solutions for older
23 adults through all available means including public hearings;
- 24 C. To be empowered on its own initiative to make recommendations to
25 older adult service agencies on matters within its purview;
- 26 D. To act to facilitate coordination between existing and proposed
27 programs for older adults;
- 28 E. To carry out such studies as may be assigned to it by the City

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Council;

F. To from time to time report to the Mayor and City Council its findings.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as investing the Commission, or any member thereof, with supervisory powers over the actions or duties of the City employees or the operations of City departments.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the Mayor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

Approved: _____
(Date)

Mayor