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AN ORDINANCE

**Amending Title 2, "Boards and Commissions,"
Chapter 5, "Human Relations Commission,"
of the Evanston City Code**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

SECTION 1: That Title 2, "Boards and Commissions," Chapter 5, "Human Relations Commission," of the Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5: HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

2-5-1: CREATION AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION:

There is hereby created the Evanston Human Relations Commission composed of nine (9) members.

The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor by and with the consent of the City Council. Successors to such members shall be appointed for three (3) years, except in the case of a vacancy due to death, removal or resignation of any member, which vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor by and with the consent of the City Council for the unexpired term. Any member may be removed by the Mayor for failure to attend meetings or inattention to duties. It shall be the duty of the Human Services Committee of the City Council to submit to the Mayor, at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of terms, a list of at least two (2) qualified persons for each vacancy for his consideration.

2-5-2: QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS:

Each member of the Human Relations Commission shall be a resident of the City; should indicate a sincere desire to implement the policy of the Commission

stated in Section 2-5-4 hereof; and prior to his appointment, shall have demonstrated a competence in, and commitment to, the improvement of human relations.

2-5-3: MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION:

The Human Relations Commission shall meet monthly. The Commission members shall elect a chairman from among the members of the Commission, and shall select and/or supervise such staff as may be authorized to serve it by the City Council. The Commission shall submit to the City Council an annual report and such special reports as it may from time to time deem advisable. The Commission shall perform such further duties as may be assigned to it by the Mayor and City Council. The Commission shall prepare, every three years and update annually, a work plan document which shall set forth goals for each of the Commission's activities and projects, the specific outcome produced or anticipated as a result of the project, the timeframe of the project, and costs associated with the projects.

2-5-4: PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Human Relations Commission shall be to foster, encourage and stimulate the improvement of human relations among and between citizens of all races, colors, creeds, national origins, sexes, ages, familial status, marital status, religions, physical/mental disabilities, "sexual orientation" (as defined in Section 5-5-6 of this Code), and economic and educational levels so as to provide all individuals with an equal opportunity to grow, participate and share to the best of their ability in our economic, educational, political, social and judicial systems.

2-5-5: DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS:

The primary function of the Human Relations Commission shall be to improve human relations in the City. Its duties shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- (A) Advising the City Council, through the Human Services Committee, on human relations matters;
- (B) Serving as an educational arm of the City in the field of human relations to all persons, areas, groups and institutions in the community;
- (C) Acting as a bridge between City government and citizen groups, and between citizen groups; and

(D) Performing as a catalyst in improving human relations and equitable living conditions.

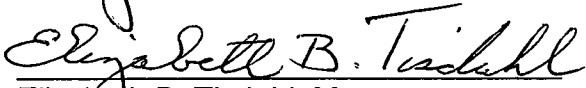
SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: That if any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this ordinance is severable.

SECTION 4: That this Ordinance 47-O-10 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: December 13, 2010 Approved:

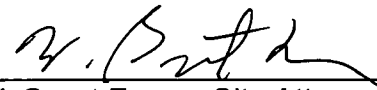
Adopted: January 10, 2011 January 13, 2011


Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:


Rodney Greene, City Clerk


W. Grant Farrar, City Attorney

