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AN ORDINANCE

**Amending Title 5, Chapter 6 of the City Code,
"Evanston Housing Commission"**

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

SECTION 1: That Title 5, Chapter 6 of the City Code is hereby amended

to read as follows:

CHAPTER 6 - EVANSTON HOUSING COMMISSION

5-6-1: RATIONALE:

It is hereby found and declared by the City Council that in order to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens, it is necessary to provide for the planning, expansion, maintenance, conservation and rehabilitation of Evanston's housing stock and to be responsive to needs for change in housing related matters to the end of maintaining a diverse residential environment and to conserve property values within the community. It is further found that to achieve these goals, there should be an Advisory Commission so that citizens and housing groups can bring housing related concerns before a single group knowledgeable in the housing interests of the citizens of Evanston.

5-6-2: ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD:

There is hereby created the Evanston Housing Commission ("Commission"), said Commission to consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. In making such appointments, the Mayor shall consider knowledge and familiarity with local housing needs and problems, the different housing populations in Evanston, practical experience in Evanston and elsewhere in the area of housing, and practical experience in dealing with the sources of assistance for housing related matters. At least one (1) member of the Commission shall reside in a rental unit in Evanston. At least one (1) member of the Commission shall be a landlord who owns at least one (1) multifamily building in Evanston and resides in Evanston. One (1) member of the Commission shall be an Alderman. For purposes of this Section, "landlord" shall be defined as set forth in Subsection 5-3-2(A) of this Title, as it may be amended. Members of the Commission shall be residents of the City and may serve for not more than two (2) full terms. Each term shall be three (3) years.

5-6-3: ORGANIZATION:

The Commission shall select from its membership a Chair and Vice Chair on an annual basis. Such selection shall occur at the first meeting of the calendar year. Persons so selected shall serve for terms of one (1) year and may be reelected. The Commission shall adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings and keep written minutes. All meetings, minutes and other procedures shall be open to the public as required by the State. The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chair and at such other times as may be provided by its rules. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum. No meetings shall be conducted and no actions shall be taken without a quorum present, except as provided in Section 4 of this Chapter. The Commission shall have the right to establish Subcommittees and provide for their operation. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

5-6-4: SUBCOMMITTEES:

The Commission may establish such Subcommittees as are necessary for the effective operation, to meet in accordance with the adopted rules and regulations.

5-6-5: POWERS AND DUTIES:

In carrying out its responsibilities and in meeting the purposes of this Chapter, the Commission shall set priorities related to homeownership and rental housing issues.

The Commission shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- (A) To be concerned with all housing related matters in the City.
- (B) To monitor and recommend coordination of existing City programs and services concerning housing, to recommend changes in these programs and to recommend new programs, as appropriate.
- (C) To comment through the Planning and Development Committee on housing related matters before the City Council.
- (D) To act as the City's liaison to County, State and Federal housing programs.
- (E) To act as a resource to other communities or agencies in housing matters.
- (F) To provide an assessment of Evanston's present needs and future plans in the housing area, particularly as it relates to type and cost.
- (G) To receive citizen input on housing comments.
- (H) To make appropriate recommendations to advance the housing policies of the City.
- (I) To receive information on City services in housing and to make

recommendations or suggestions for changes in direction.

- (J) To comment on all housing related expenditures of the Affordable Housing and HOME funds, revenue sharing funds and all other special and general funds relating to housing.

5-6-6: STAFF:

The Commission shall, on a regular basis, advise the City Manager of its needs for staff assistance, and it shall be the responsibility of the City Manager to provide such assistance to the Commission in accordance with budget approval.

5-6-7: PERIODIC REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Commission shall prepare an action report and present said report to the City Council through the Planning and Development Committee at the time of the biennial review. These action reports shall contain:

- (A) Accomplishments of the Commission;
- (B) Future goals of the Commission including any change in functions or goals of the Commission;
- (C) Proposed programs of the Commission for the following twelve-month period;
- (D) Staff needs.

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 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: July 25, 2011

Adopted: August 8, 2011

Approved:

August 10, 2011

Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

Rodney Greene
Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

W. Grant Farrar
W. Grant Farrar, Corporation Counsel