

102-O-20
AN ORDINANCE
Amending Portions of the City Code Codifying the Reparations
Committee

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

SECTION 1: Title 2 of the Evanston City Code of 2012, as amended
("City Code"), is hereby amended to add Chapter 17 which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 17 – REPARATIONS COMMITTEE.

2-17-1. - PURPOSE.

The City Council establishes a Reparations Committee to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters relating to the Local Reparations Fund in order to determine the feasibility and viability of housing assistance and relief initiatives, as well as economic development programs and opportunities for African-American residents and entrepreneurs in Evanston.

2-17-2. - MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee consists of seven (7) members who serve without compensation and are residents or business owners in the City of Evanston. The members must include the following:

- A. Three (3) members who are Aldermen representing Wards Two (2), Five (5), and Eight (8); and
- B. Four (4) at-large members.

A member may meet more than one qualification. No member may be a full-time or part-time employee of any agency, facility, or service that receives funds from the City.

2-17-3. - TERM.

At-large committee members are appointed to three (3) year terms and Aldermen are appointed to four (4) year terms by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. Non-aldermanic members may serve for not more than two (2) full terms.

2-17-4. - POWERS AND DUTIES.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee must:

- A. Oversee the Reparations Fund
- B. Evaluate applications and recommended funding allocations to housing and economic development programs that address historical discrimination in the past by the City
- C. Monitor the progress of recipient impact and program impact in each ward to which funding is allocated.

2-17-5. - ADOPTION OF RULES; SELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON.

The Commission must annually elect a Chairperson from among its members. The Commission must also adopt rules and regulations necessary to exercise its responsibilities.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on April 1, 2021.

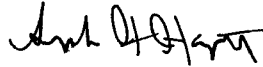
SECTION 4: If any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this ordinance is severable.

Introduced: October 26, 2020

Approved:

Adopted: November 9, 2020


November 13, 2020



Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:



Devon Reid, City Clerk



Kelley A. Gandurski, Corporation Counsel