

Human Relations Commission Ordinance

Article III, Section 34-108

Sec. 34-108. Composition; appointment and terms of members; filling vacancies.

- (a) The commission shall be composed of 15 citizens and residents of the city. The city council shall cause public notice to be given when vacancies occur on the commission. Any person who is a citizen and resident of the city may express a desire to serve on the commission.
- (b) The city council shall appoint the members of the commission. The composition shall represent fairly the social, economic, gender and ethnic composition of the population of the city. The membership shall be comprised of six African-Americans, six whites, and three members of other racial minority groups other than those listed above. In addition, both genders shall be equally represented but neither by more than 53 percent. When the city council is unable to apportion appointments to the commission in this article's stated composition, those vacancies will be held until such time as appropriate candidates are identified and appointed.
- (c) The term of office of each commissioner is three years; the terms are staggered, so that the terms of five members shall expire each year. The term of office of each commissioner expires on June 30 of the last year of the term; provided, however, that a commissioner shall continue in office beyond the expiration of the term until such time as a successor may be appointed. Commissioners are limited to serving two consecutive terms. Citizens must wait for one full term before reapplying for appointment except in unusual circumstances.
- (d) A person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be appointed only for the unexpired part of that term.
- (e) Any member absent for more than two consecutive regular meetings or more than three regular meetings in a year shall be deemed as having an excess of absences and recommendation will be made to the city council for removal from the commission. The commission may excuse the absence of a member of the commission for good cause provided that notice is given prior to the meeting.

(Code 1964, § 2-56; Code 1982, § 2-41; Ord. No. 5639, § 2, 4-6-1981; Ord. No. 7240, § 1, 6-15-1987; Ord. No. 7958, §§ 1, 2, 11-20-1989; Ord. No. 11265, 10-6-1997)