

## ARTICLE II. - COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS AND DISABILITIES ISSUES<sup>(1)</sup>

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**Editor's note**— Ord. No. [O-65-16](#), § 1, adopted Nov. 17, 2016, changed the title of the commission on human relations to the commission on human relations and disabilities issues.

**Cross reference**— Boards, commissions, etc., § 2-381 et seq.

Sec. 18-21. - Created.

- (a) Effective December 1, 2016, the commission on human relations and advisory committee on disabilities are abolished, and the term of any commission on human relations member or advisory committee on disabilities member is terminated.
- (b) The commission on human relations and disabilities issues is created.

(Code 1964, § 2-209(a); Code 1988, § 18-16; Ord. No. 43510, § 1, 11-8-1962; Ord. No. 45658, §§ 1, 2, 5-27-1966; Ord. No. 64572, § 1, 1-5-1984; Ord. No. [O-65-16](#), § 1, 11-17-2016)

Sec. 18-22. - Members.

The commission on human relations and disabilities issues shall consist of 13 members. The members shall be broadly representative of the religious, racial, ethnic and minority groups, and people with disabilities in the community. The unified government board of commissioners shall appoint 11 members subject to the terms and requirements set forth in this article. In addition, one member shall be appointed by the mayor of the City of Bonner Springs, Kansas, whose term shall coincide with the term of the member appointed by the commissioner-at-large, district 1; and one member shall be appointed by the mayor of the City of Edwardsville, Kansas, whose term shall coincide with the member appointed by the commissioner-at-large, district 2.

(Code 1964, §§ 2-209, 2-211; Code 1988, § 18-17; Ord. No. 43510, § 1, 11-8-1962; Ord. No. 45658, §§ 1, 2, 5-27-1966; Ord. No. 64572, § 1, 1-5-1984; Ord. No. O-39-98, § 2, 6-18-1998; Ord. No. [O-65-16](#), § 1, 11-17-2016)

Sec. 18-23. - Purposes.

The purposes of the commission on human relations and disabilities issues shall be to provide, foster, encourage and stimulate mutual understanding, respect and harmonious relations among all racial, religious, ethnic and minority groups (including people with disabilities), to discourage and prevent prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, disorder and discriminating practices against any group or its members, to function as the advisory committee on disabilities issues in order to identify necessary services not being provided for people with disabilities and to improve the delivery of services for disabled persons in the most cost effective manner, to promote good will, to develop a program for practical cooperation with state and federal agencies and nongovernmental agencies having the like or kindred function, and to make such investigation and studies in any field of human relations as may be required by the commission, or in judgment of the commission, will aid in effectuating its general purposes.

(Code 1964, § 2-212; Code 1988, § 18-18; Ord. No. 43510, § 2, 11-8-1962; Ord. No. 45658, § 3, 5-27-1966; Ord. No. [O-65-16](#), § 1, 11-17-2016)

Sec. 18-24. - Officers.

- (a) One member of the commission on human relations and disabilities issues shall be designated chairperson by the unified government board of commissioners.
- (b) The commission shall create and fill, by annual election, offices of first vice-chairperson, second vice-chairperson, secretary, and such other offices as it may deem necessary for its most effective functioning.
- (c) The chairperson, first vice-chairperson, second vice-chairperson, and secretary shall have and perform such duties as are commonly associated with their respective titles.

(Code 1964, §§ 2-214—2-216; Code 1988, § 18-19; Ord. No. 43510, §§ 1, 3, 11-8-1962; Ord. No. 45658, §§ 5, 6, 5-27-1966; Ord. No. 64572, § 3, 1-5-1984; Ord. No. [O-65-16](#), § 1, 11-17-2016)

Sec. 18-25. - Meetings.

- (a) The commission on human relations and disabilities issues shall hold a regular meeting at least once each month at such time and place as shall be fixed by said commission in its standing rules. Special meetings shall be called by the chairperson or, in the chairperson's absence, by the vice-chairperson, upon written request of eight members of the commission.
- (b) Eight members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (c) The commission shall adopt rules for the transaction of business and keep a record of its activities and minutes of all meetings.

(Code 1964, § 2-213(9); Code 1988, § 18-20; Ord. No. 43510, §§ 1, 3, 11-8-1962; Ord. No. 45658, §§ 4, 9, 5-27-1966; Ord. No. 47164, § 1, 6-20-1968; Ord. No. 47516, § 1, 12-5-1968; Ord. No. 50464, §§ 1, 4, 3-2-1972; Ord. No. 54683, § 1, 3-4-1976; Ord. No. 56353, § 1, 5-31-1977; Ord. No. 64572, § 2, 1-5-1984; Ord. No. [O-65-16](#), § 1, 11-17-2016)

Sec. 18-26. - Reports.

The human relations manager will make annually a full report of all activities and progress, and such report may be published with the approval of the unified government board of commissioners. The manager will also make a progress report to the unified government board of commissioners of attendance at meetings of the commission on human relations.

(Code 1964, § 2-213(10); Code 1988, § 18-21; Ord. No. 43510, § 3, 11-8-1962; Ord. No. 45658, § 4, 5-27-1966; Ord. No. 47164, § 1, 6-20-1968; Ord. No. 47516, § 1, 12-5-1968; Ord. No. 50464, §§ 1, 4, 3-2-1972; Ord. No. 54683, § 1, 3-4-1976; Ord. No. 64572, § 2, 1-5-1984)

Sec. 18-27. - Powers and duties.

In order to effectuate these purposes, the commission on human relations and disabilities issues shall have the following duties and shall receive support from the general government fund:

- (1) Advise the unified government board of commissioners on problems affecting the human and intergroup relations;
- (2) Advise as to projects, programs, and activities related to people with disabilities;
- (3) Recommend to the unified government board of commissioners such measures as the commission feels necessary to carry out its objectives;
- (4) Make studies, surveys and investigations to provide data as needed in its work;
- (5) Mediate disputes voluntarily referred to it in order to minimize or eliminate prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, disorder or discrimination and in order to promote good will in the community;
- (6) Consult and cooperate with federal, state and unified government agencies, both public and private;
- (7) Develop, formulate and promote educational programs designed to stimulate the interest and understanding of the entire population in the objectives of the commission;
- (8) Develop and demonstrate new approaches, techniques, and methods, provide technical assistance to the county administrator in the development and implementation of plans and programs to comply with requirements of local, state, and federal legislation respecting the disabled, and assist in the coordination of community and governmental services to people with disabilities;
- (9) Provide informational and referral services for people with disabilities and their families;
- (10) Report to the unified government board of commissioners about its programs, projects, and activities and recommend means of eliminating any unfair or unjust discrimination toward any person or group that would be deemed detrimental to the best interest of the community;
- (11) Create such advisory committees as will aid the community in effectuating its objectives.

(Code 1964, § 2-213(1)—(8); Code 1988, § 18-21; Ord. No. 43510, § 3, 11-8-1962; Ord. No. 45658, § 4, 5-27-1966; Ord. No. 47164, § 1, 6-20-1968; Ord. No. 47516, § 1, 12-5-1968; Ord. No. 50464, §§ 1, 4, 3-2-1972; Ord. No. 54683, § 1, 3-4-1976; Ord. No. 64572, § 2, 1-5-1984; Ord. No. [O-65-16](#), § 1, 11-17-2016)

Secs. 18-28—18-57. - Reserved.