

ORDINANCE NO. 15,598

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Section 62-41, relating to the establishment, appointment, composition and terms of the Civil and Human Rights Commission.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, is hereby amended by amending Section 62-41, relating to the establishment, appointment, composition and terms of the Civil and Human Rights Commission, as follows:

Sec. 62-41. Established; appointment; composition; terms.

- (a) There is established in the city government a commission to be known as the Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Commission.
- (b) This commission shall consist of seven members broadly representative of the community.
- (c) Commission members shall be appointed by the city council. All appointments shall be for a term of three years until the first Monday in April of the year in which the term ends. No member shall be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms.
- (d) The commission shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary and such other officers as it deems appropriate from its members on an annual basis.
- (e) Officers shall serve in their respective offices for a term of one year or until their successors shall be appointed and qualified.
- (f) Any four members shall constitute a quorum.
- (g) All commission members shall serve without compensation.
- (h) If any member dies or resigns, a successor shall be appointed to serve for the unexpired period of the member's term.
- (i) The commission may name subcommittees which in its judgment will aid in effectuating the purposes of this chapter and may empower it to study the problems of prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, and discrimination in any fields of human relationships within the purview of this chapter.
- (j) In addition to the general requirements applicable to boards, commissions, committees and agencies under Chapter 2 Article VI of this Code, commission members are subject to the removal or retention requirements as stated in the commission rules and regulations and the City Council may remove or retain a commission member pursuant to those rules.
- (k) The appointment of the director shall be made by the city manager. The director shall be compensated in such amount as the city manager shall fix. The director shall serve at the

- pleasure of the city manager.
- (l) The removal of the director must be approved by a majority vote of all commission members and concurrence of the city manager. Removal may be initiated by either the commission or the city manager.
 - (m) The director may recommend to the city manager additional personnel deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
 - (n) The expenses of activities shall be paid out of the funds appropriated for the purpose. The commission shall in addition be authorized to receive gifts and grants from any other sources to carry on its work.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED:

Douglas P. Philip, Assistant City Attorney

T. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

Attest:

I, Diane Rauh, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance (Roll Call No. 17- 1279), passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held July 24, 2017 signed by the Mayor on July 24, 2017 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on August 11, 2017. Authorized by Publication Order No. 10075.

Diane Rauh, City Clerk