

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

§ 33.045 ESTABLISHMENT.

There is established a City Human Rights Commission.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963; Ord. 16-2019, passed 8-20-2019)

Statutory reference:

Local human rights commissions, see KRS 344.310

§ 33.046 MEMBERSHIP.

(A) The Human Rights Commission shall be composed of 15 members. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor who shall select persons who are nearly as possible representative of several social, economic, religious, cultural, ethnic and racial groups which comprise the population of the city. All members shall be residents of Christian County.

(B) One member shall be a City Council member.

(C) One member may be a youth member currently enrolled in high school or college.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963; Ord. 22-67, passed 9-5-1967; Ord. 16-96, passed 8-6-1996; Ord. 23-2008, passed 11-18-2008)

§ 33.047 TERMS OF MEMBERS.

(A) (1) All members shall be appointed by the Mayor to serve for a term of three years unless otherwise set in this section.

(2) If a vacancy occurs on the Commission other than as a result of the expiration of the term of an appointment, the Mayor shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term. Members may be eligible for reappointment for one additional consecutive three-year term. Partial terms shall count as one term. Members may serve additional terms after a break of at least 12 months.

(B) City Council members shall serve a term of one year. City Council members may be eligible for reappointment for one additional consecutive one-year term.

(C) Youth members, if appointed, shall serve a term of one year. Youth members may be eligible for reappointment for one additional consecutive one-year term.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963; Ord. 7-82, passed 6-15-1982; Ord. 23-2008, passed 11-18-2008)

§ 33.048 COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.

Members shall serve without compensation.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963)

§ 33.049 OFFICERS; DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEES.

The Human Rights Commission shall elect a Chairperson, a Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as it shall deem necessary. The Chairperson of the Commission shall appoint such committees as the rules of the Commission shall provide and such other special committee from time to time as the Commission may deem necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963; Ord. 23-2008, passed 11-18-2008)

§ 33.050 QUORUM.

A quorum shall consist of eight members.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963; Ord. 22-67, passed 9-5-1967; Ord. 23-2008, passed 11-18-2008)

§ 33.051 MEETINGS.

The Human Rights Commission shall meet once each month and as often as it deems necessary.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963)

§ 33.052 OFFICE SPACE; NECESSARY FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED.

The Mayor is authorized to allocate adequate office space and to provide the necessary facilities for the Human Rights Commission if the office space and facilities are available.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963)

§ 33.053 POWERS AND DUTIES.

(A) *General function.* The Human Rights Commission shall endeavor to promote and secure mutual understanding and respect among all economic, social, religious, ethnic and racial groups in the city, and shall act as conciliator in controversies involving intergroup and interracial relations. The Commission shall cooperate with federal, state and other city agencies in an effort to develop harmonious intergroup and interracial relations and shall endeavor to enlist the support of civic, religious, labor, industrial and commercial groups and civic leaders dedicated to the improvement of intergroup and interracial relations and the elimination of discriminatory practices.

(B) *Complaints, investigations, hearings and studies.* The Commission shall receive complaints and may conduct investigations, hold hearings, make studies and have such studies made as will enable the Commission to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

(C) *Recommending legislation.* The Commission may recommend to the Mayor and to the City Council such legislation as may be considered necessary to accomplish the purposes of this subchapter.

(D) *Annual report required.* The Commission shall submit an annual report July 1 of each year to the Mayor and to the City Council.

(E) *Authority as to grants and donations.* The Commission, on behalf of the city, may accept grants and donations from foundations and others for the purpose of carrying out its functions.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963)

Cross-reference:

City fair housing regulations, see Ch. 92

Further powers of the Commission, see §92.06

Statutory reference:

Powers of local Commissions, see KRS 344.320 and 344.330

§ 33.054 ADOPTION OF RULES.

The Commission shall have the power to adopt rules and govern its proceedings.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963)

§ 33.055 EXPENDITURES BY COMMISSION.

(A) All expenditures shall be authorized by the Human Rights Commission. The Treasurer shall approve all expenditures and he or she shall make a semi-annual financial report to the Commission.

(B) Copies of the semi-annual financial report shall be sent to the Mayor and the City Council.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963)

§ 33.056 CITY DEPARTMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH COMMISSION.

In order to assist the Human Rights Commission in carrying out its functions, the various departments of the city shall, when directed by the Mayor, furnish the Commission with such information or services it can provide.

(Ord. 24-63, passed 7-16-1963)