

ORDINANCE NO. 20170302-007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-1 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Chapter 2-1 of City Code (*City Boards*) is amended by adding section 2-1-106 to read:

§ 2-1-106 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION.

- (A) The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Quality of Life Advisory Commission is established to represent this constituency of the City by serving as an advisory board to the city council concerning the needs of the named population.
- (B) The commission should have a balanced membership reflecting the challenges and concerns of the LGBTQ community and should represent a diversity of ethnicity, national origin, race, color, disability, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, and socioeconomic level. The commission should include members who are broadly reflective of and sensitive to the needs of the LGBTQ community's diverse population.
- (C) The commission shall have 15 members appointed by the city council. Each council member and the mayor shall nominate one commission member, and the commission shall nominate four members. All nominators should take into account the diversity of the LGBTQ community and consider the following qualifications and demographic factors in order to achieve a range of representation within the full commission:
 - (1) race and ethnicity;
 - (2) gender identity;

- (3) sexual orientation;
- (4) socioeconomic status;
- (5) disability;
- (6) geographic location;
- (7) age;
- (8) municipal government experience;
- (9) immigrant status; or
- (10) length of residency in the City.

Each nominated commission member, whether nominated by the mayor, council members, or commission members, shall be appointed by the city council.

- (D) Each commission member nominated by the mayor or a council member shall be appointed to serve a four-year term. Each commission member nominated by the commission shall be appointed to serve a two-year term.
- (E) The city manager or designee shall serve as an ex officio member of the commission.
- (F) The commission shall:
 - (1) serve as an advisory body to the city council regarding issues actually or potentially affecting persons within the LGBTQ community or the LGBTQ community as a whole;
 - (2) serve in an advisory and consultative capacity to the city council and any identified City departments with the aim of improving the ability of the City and its vendors, contractors,

and consultants to serve, support, and employ the LGBTQ community;

- (3) recommend to the city council measures designed to enhance the health, safety, economic opportunity and affordability, mobility, cultural and learning opportunities, and government access and accountability for the LGBTQ community;
- (4) coordinate and/or participate in educational programs to promote equal treatment, opportunity, and understanding of persons within the LGBTQ community, and facilitate gatherings such as meetings, institutes, forums, or courses of instruction designed to lead to greater understanding and crafting of solutions for issues of concern of the LGBTQ community;
- (5) work with other city commissions to address issues of intersectionality;
- (6) create, guide, support, and evaluate LGBTQ quality of life initiatives; and
- (7) perform additional functions as required by the city council.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on March 13, 2017.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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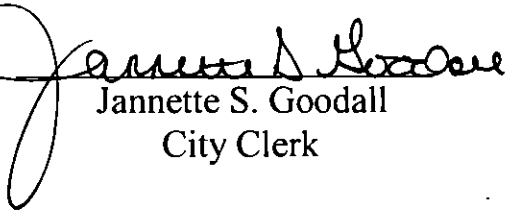
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Steve Adler,
Mayor

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Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk