

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1.28.002 OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP ON THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it appropriate to enhance board membership and activities by combining boards and commissions with similar powers and duties; and,

WHEREAS, this proposed amendment would increase membership on the commission, and solidify the dissolution of the Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council commends the hard work and effort of the current members of the Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce and is incorporating current membership into the Human Relations Commission so that vision is not lost; and,

WHEREAS, the updated membership of the Human Relations Commission is empowered to review existing powers and duties that reflect the goals and initiatives of the updated membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Article 28 of Chapter 1 is hereby amended as follows:

SEC. 1.28.002. STRUCTURE OF COMMISSION - QUORUM - COMPENSATION.

A. The Independence Commission on Human Relations shall consist of ~~ten (10)~~ **thirteen (13)** members who shall serve without compensation, and who shall be broadly representative of the religious, racial, educational, labor, civic, commercial, management, ethnic, and governmental groups of the community. All members of the Independence Commission on Human Relations shall be appointed by the Council. Of the ~~ten (10)~~ **thirteen (13)** members, the terms of office of such appointed members shall be three years; however, all members shall continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, the successor shall be appointed by the Council to serve for the unexpired term.

B. From the ~~ten (10)~~ **thirteen (13)** members of the Independence Commission on Human Relations, the chairman shall be nominated by the commission. The chairman shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Independence Commission on Human Relations. The Commission, itself, may at its first meeting elect a vice chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer or any combination of officers which it finds advisable for the efficient carrying out of its purposes.

SECTION 2. That the membership of the Human Relations Commission will be increased to thirteen (13) members.

SECTION 3. That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That all other parts and provisions of the City Code shall be in full force and effect unless previously or subsequently amended or repealed.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED - FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager

**NOTE: Words struck through and bolded are being removed by this ordinance and words
underscored and bolded are being added by this ordinance.**