

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1 ARTICLE 28 “INDEPENDENCE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS” OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 728, which created the Independence Commission on Human Relations; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Ordinance 19195 to increase membership on the Commission on Human Relations and merge it with the Diversity and Inclusion (DEI) Taskforce; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City Council to ensure the membership structure on boards and commissions is appropriate for the board or commission to function properly and efficiently; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to reduce membership on the Independence Commission on Human Relations from thirteen members to nine members;

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 ~~13~~9 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 ~~13~~9 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 ~~13~~9 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, or any combination of officers which it finds advisable for the efficient carrying out of its purposes.

SECTION 2. That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith area hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. 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parts and provisions of the City Code shall be in full force and effect unless previously or subsequently amended or repealed.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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

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

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

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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.**