

TITLE: An Ordinance establishing a human relations commission, providing for the appointment of its members and defining its duties and functions.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: MEMBERSHIP

There is hereby created and established a commission to be known as the "Human Relations Commission," consisting of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Mayor with ratification of the City Council. The members of the commission shall be broadly representative of the citizens of Albany. One (1) member of the commission may be a member of the City Council. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation. Of the commission members first appointed, two (2) shall be appointed to serve terms ending December 31, 1969; two (2) to serve terms ending December 31, 1970; three (3) to serve terms end December 31, 1971. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of three (3) years. The commission shall select from its membership a chairman and such other officers as it may deem desirable.

Section 2: POWERS AND DUTIES

The Human Relations Commission shall:

(a) Promote mutual understanding and respect among racial, religious and nationality groups and work to discourage and prevent discretionary practices against any such group.

(b) To disseminate information and educational materials and reports that will assist in the elimination of prejudice, intolerance, inter-group tensions and discriminations or which will promote good will and promote programs of community education and information with the object of promoting better human relations.

(c) Investigate and study complaints, problems and specific situations arising between groups or individuals which result or may result in tensions, discrimination or prejudice in the city on account of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry.

(d) Assist various groups and agencies of the community to cooperate in educational campaigns devoted to the elimination of groups prejudices, racial or area tensions, intolerance or discriminations.


(e) Aid in seeing that no person in this city is deprived of equal services furnished in this city by reason of discrimination or prejudice on account of race, color, creed, origin or national ancestry.

(f) Cooperate with the city, state, federal and other agencies in order to promote better human relations.

(g) Prepare and submit an annual report of its activities to the City Council and to make such other reports and recommendations to the City Council from time to time as it may determine necessary for the furtherance of improved human relations in the city.

Passed by the Council: February 26, 1969

Approved by the Mayor: February 26, 1969


Mayor

Effective Date: March 28, 1969

ATTEST:


City Recorder