

**An Ordinance of the City of Plano, Texas, repealing and replacing in its entirety Article VII, Community Relations Commission, of Chapter 2, Administration, of the City Code of Ordinances to enlarge the Commission, provide for representation of the Concerted Revitalization Plan area on the Commission, and specifically authorize review of housing tax credit applications; and providing a repealer clause, a severability clause and an effective date.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 11, 1991, by Ordinance No. 91-2-11, on March 25, 1991, by Ordinance No. 91-3-25, on August 26, 1996, by Ordinance No. 96-8-22, and on June 22, 1992, by Section I of Ordinance No. 92-6-20, the City Council of the City of Plano created the Community Services Commission and provided rules and guidelines by which the Commission would operate, and such Ordinances were collectively codified as Article XIV, Community Services Commission, of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 10, 1987, by Ordinance No. 87-8-3, on July 25, 1988, by Ordinance No. 88-7-18, on May 22, 1989, by Ordinance 89-5-19, and on October 27, 1997, by Ordinance No. 97-10-32, the City Council of the City of Plano created the Community Relations Commission and provided rules and guidelines by which the Commission would operate, and such Ordinances were collectively codified as Article VII, Community Relations Commission, of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 1998, by Ordinance No. 98-1-3, the City Council of the City of Plano combined these two Commissions into one commission to be entitled “Community Relations Commission” and provided rules and guidelines by which the Commission would operate, and such Ordinance was codified as Article VII, Community Relations Commission, of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 1998, by Ordinance No. 98-5-22, on April 1, 2002, by Ordinance No. 2002-4-5, on April 25, 2005, by Ordinance 2005-4-27, on June 11, 2012, by Ordinance No. 2012-6-5, and on June 25, 2012, by Ordinance No. 2012-6-20, the City Council of the City of Plano amended various provisions of the Community Relations Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that Article VII, Community Relations Commission, of Chapter 2, Administration, of the City Code of Ordinances shall be repealed and replaced in its entirety to enlarge the Commission, provide for representation of the Concerted Revitalization Plan area on the Commission, and specifically authorize review of housing tax credit applications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION I.** Article VII, Community Relations Commission, of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:

“ARTICLE VII. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Sec. 2-156. Established; composition; appointment of members.

- (a) There is hereby established a “Community Relations Commission” which shall consist of nine (9) regular members. Members will be appointed by the City Council, broadly representative of the racial, religious, ethnic, professional, business groups, physically handicapped, and representatives from various economic strata and educational levels in the community. It is preferred that at least two members of the Commission reside within the Concerted Revitalization Plan (CRP) area, as such may be amended.
- (b) No employee of the city or the county shall be appointed as a regular member of this commission.
- (c) All members of the Commission are subject to removal in accordance to the City Council’s current policy with regard to required attendance at city board, commission, and committee meetings. In addition, the members of the Commission may be removed at any time by the City Council with or without cause.

Sec. 2-157. Terms of office; compensation.

The term of office of each member of the Community Relations Commission appointed on or after July 2003 shall be for two (2) years. All members shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 2-158. Officers; duties of secretary.

The chairman of the Community Relations Commission shall be appointed by the City Council. The City Manager shall provide staff support as deemed necessary to carry out duties and responsibilities of the Commission. The support duties shall include service as secretary to the Commission, keeping minutes of the Commission’s meetings and furnishing of copies of said minutes to the Mayor and City Council.

Sec. 2-159. Meetings; quorum.

The Commission shall meet on call as required to carry out duties and responsibilities as addressed in this Article. The Commission shall meet at least once every three (3) months to review pending business and make general recommendations to the City Council regarding future agendas or items for review by the Commission. Agendas shall consist of deliberations upon items as directed or previously approved by City Council.

A majority of the regular membership of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present to convene a meeting and to take formal action as far as submitting recommendations to the City Council.

Sec. 2-160. Duties and responsibilities.

The duties and responsibilities of the Community Relations Commission shall be to serve as a hearing board to address significant issues as approved or directed by the City Council. In cooperation with the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and all other city agencies, boards, and officials related to any such problems, the Community Relations Commission will review human/social needs and recommend funding allocations to the City Council. The commission

shall review and provide a recommendation to City Council regarding 4% and 9% Housing Tax Credit resolution applications. Any such review shall be finalized by a report and recommendation to the City Council. Unless prior approval is given by the Council representative to the Commission, all communications and representations regarding the duties, and responsibilities of the Commission outside of the meeting of this Commission shall be made by report and recommendation to the City Council.

Sec. 2-161. Voting privileges; conflict of interest.

Each regular member of the Commission, including the chairperson, shall have one (1) vote. No commissioner who is on the board of a nonprofit organization shall discuss, deliberate, or vote on the nonprofit organization's application request for funding and shall abstain on all matters relating thereto."

**SECTION II.** All provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Plano in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Plano not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION III.** It is the intention of the City Council that this Ordinance, and every provision hereof, shall be considered severable, and the invalidity or unconstitutionality of any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other portion of this Ordinance.

**SECTION IV.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage as required by law.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.**

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Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Paige Mims, CITY ATTORNEY