

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DISABILITY AWARENESS COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF HARRISBURG

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HARRISBURG, SD:

That a new Chapter 1.06 of the Revised Ordinances of Harrisburg, SD, is hereby established to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1.06 – DISABILITY AWARENESS COMMISSION

- 1.0601 CREATED. There is hereby created a disability awareness commission.
- 1.0602 COMPOSITION. The disability awareness commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the mayor with approval of the city council. Membership shall include representatives of the disabled community residing within the City of Harrisburg.
- 1.0603 TERMS. The appointment of each member of the disability awareness commission shall be for a term of three years with three members to initially serve a two-year term and one to serve a one-year term so that there will be a staggering of terms.
- 1.0604 FILLING OF VACANCIES. Any vacancy on the disability awareness commission shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member vacating the board in the same manner as is required for a regular appointment.
- 1.0605 COMPENSATION; EXPENSE. All members of the disability awareness commission shall serve without compensation.
- 1.0606 OFFICERS. At its first regular meeting of the year, the members of the commission shall elect from its number a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary, each of whom shall serve until the first regular meeting of the board the following year. The vice-chair shall act in the absence of the chair. A successor shall be elected immediately, as determined by the board, if a vacancy creates an unfilled officer position.
- 1.0607 MEETINGS; QUORUM; STAFF. The disability awareness commission shall meet at those times and places as may be determined by the commission, by standing or special rule, or on call of the chair. A majority of members constitute a quorum. The mayor with the approval of City Council shall appoint city staff that shall act as staff to the commission.
- 1.0608 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.
- (a) The disability awareness commission shall act as an advisory body to the mayor and city council on disability awareness matters.
 - (b) Its duties may include:
 - (1) Public education to heighten the awareness of physical, social and economic barriers for people with disabilities;
 - (2) Organize public awareness activities;

- (3) Educate citizens of the city about the role, function and activities of the disability awareness commission;
- (4) Develop recommendations on the future role of the disability awareness commission; and
- (5) Advise other public or private entities on disability awareness issues where it appears the commission can make a positive contribution to resolution of the issues in the City of Harrisburg.

1.0609 BYLAWS. With the approval of city council, the commission shall adopt bylaws describing further duties, powers and functions of the commission. The duties, powers and functions of the commission shall not be in conflict with this Chapter 1.06.

Adopted this 1st day of July, 2019.

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