

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA,
ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION OF THE DEAF BY AMENDING
TITLE 2 AND ADDING CHAPTER 2.100 TO THE RIVERSIDE
MUNICIPAL CODE

The City Council of the City of Riverside does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Title 2 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby amended to add Chapter 2.100
entitled "Commission of the Deaf" shown as follows:

"CHAPTER 2.100

Section 2.100.010	Title.
Section 2.100.020	Establishment, Findings.
Section 2.100.030	Membership and Terms of the Commission of the Deaf.
Section 2.100.040	Powers, Duties and Functions.
Section 2.100.050	Meetings, Rules and Procedures.
Section 2.100.060	Severability.

Section 2.100.010 - Title.

This Chapter shall be known as the City of Riverside "Commission of the Deaf."

Section 2.100.010 - Establishment, Findings.

The City Council finds as follows:

A. It is the policy of the City of Riverside to promote the full integration and participation of persons of the deaf community into all areas of economic, political and community life.

B. The City of Riverside is committed to utilizing all available resources and to coordinate efforts to removing barriers to full integration and participation of persons of the deaf community.

C. Pursuant to Section 800 of the Riverside City Charter, there is hereby established a Commission of the Deaf for the City of Riverside.

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1 **Section 2.100.030 - Membership, Qualifications and Terms of the Commission of the**
2 **Deaf.**

3 A. The Commission of the Deaf shall consist of thirteen (13) members appointed by the
4 Mayor and City Council.

5 B. Members shall include three Citywide members, two youth ex officio members, one
6 representative from each Wards ~~1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7, with~~ two representatives from the Ward ~~3, three~~
7 ~~Citywide members, and two youth ex officio members in which the California School for the Deaf,~~
8 Riverside is located.

9 C. Youth ex officio members shall be under eighteen years of age and a current high
10 school student attending a high school within the City of Riverside. For a youth ex officio member
11 that becomes eighteen years of age during their term, the term will end the March preceding their
12 birthdate or the end of the school year, whichever occurs first.

13 D. The term of each member of the Commission shall be for four (4) years with the
14 exception of the youth ex officio members; the term of each youth ex officio member shall be for
15 two (2) years. However, the initial appointments of youth ex officio, Ward 3, and Citywide member
16 seats after the effective date of this Chapter, shall be determined by a drawing at the Commission's
17 first meeting to decide which members shall serve one, two, or four-year terms. The inaugural term
18 for the thirteen members shall be broken down for each group as follows: assignment of a one-year
19 term through March 1, 2024 will be assigned to one youth ex officio; assignment of a two-year term
20 through March 1, 2025 will be assigned to Ward seats 1, 5, and 7, one Ward 3 seat, one Citywide
21 seat, and one youth ex officio seat; and assignment of a four-year term through March 1, 2027 will
22 be assigned to Ward seats 2, 4, and 6, one Ward 3 seat, and two Citywide seats.

23 **Section 2.100.040 - Powers, Duties and Functions.**

24 A. Serve in an advisory capacity to help create an integrated community that promotes
25 full participation in society, education and employment, effective communication,
26 and cultural awareness.

27 B. Review community policies, programs, and actions which affect persons within the
28 deaf community and make appropriate recommendations to City Council.

 C. Render advice and assistance as requested to other City boards and commissions, and

1 to City departments on matters affecting members of the deaf community.

- 2 D. Perform other functions, community outreach, and duties as may be directed by the
3 City Council.

4 **Section 2.100.050 - Meetings, Rules and Procedures.**

5 A. The Commission shall annually elect one of its members to be chairperson and one of
6 its members to be vice-chairperson.

7 B. The Commission shall establish a regular time and place of meeting and shall hold at
8 least one regular meeting each month. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson, or by a
9 majority of the members of the Commission, upon written notice received by each member at least
10 24 hours prior to such meeting.

11 C. The Commission shall make and alter rules governing its organization and procedures
12 which are not inconsistent with this Chapter, the Riverside City Charter, or any other City ordinance,
13 resolution or policy.

14 D. The Commission shall keep a record of its proceedings and its transactions and shall
15 submit an annual report to the City Council.

16 E. An officer or employee designated by the City Manager shall serve as secretary of the
17 Commission and provide staff support as necessary.

18 **Section 2.100.060 - Severability.**

19 If any provision of this ordinance or its application is held invalid by a court of competent
20 jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, sections or application of the ordinance
21 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end any phrase,
22 section, sentence, or word is declared severable.”

23 Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause
24 publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter
25 of the City of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its
26 adoption.

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ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

City Clerk of the City of Riverside

I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2023, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

City Clerk of the City of Riverside