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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 one representative from Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7, two  
6 representatives from Ward 3, three Citywide members, and two youth ex officio members.

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

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

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

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

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

27           C.     Render advice and assistance as requested to other City boards and commissions, and  
28 to City departments on matters affecting members of the deaf community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 **Section 2.100.060 - Severability.**

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

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

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ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

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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.

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City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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