

## **STANDING RULES OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE**

Pursuant to Section 804 of the Riverside City Charter, the Commission on Disabilities hereby prescribes its standing rules and regulations, copies of which shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk where they shall be available for public inspection.

### **1. POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS (RMC Section 2.66.040)**

The Commission on Disabilities shall:

- A. Advise the City Council on all matters affecting persons with disabilities in the community.
- B. Review community policies, programs and actions which affect persons with disabilities and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council.
- C. Render advice and assistance as requested to other City boards and commissions, to City departments, and to private agencies on matters affecting persons with disabilities.
- D. Identify the needs of persons with disabilities and create a public awareness of these needs in areas such as employment, housing, transportation, media, physical and communication accessibility and other needed areas.
- E. Promote greater awareness of the changing life patterns, opportunities and responsibilities of persons with disabilities.
- F. Promote the total integration of persons with disabilities into all aspects of community life.
- G. Perform other functions and duties as may be directed by the City Council.

### **2. MEMBERS (RMC Section 2.66.030A)**

- A. Pursuant to Sections 800 and 803 of the Riverside City Charter, the Commission on Disabilities shall be comprised of eleven (11) members appointed by the Mayor and City Council.
- B. Appointments to fill unexpired terms on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.
- C. Each member must be a qualified elector of the City at the time of the appointment and throughout his/her service on the Commission.
- D. Members who fail to maintain qualified elector status must resign from the Commission or be removed in accordance with Section 802 of the Riverside City Charter.

### **3. TERM OF OFFICE (Charter Section 802/RMC 2.66.030C)**

- A. The term of each member of the Commission shall be for four (4)

years; provided, however, the initial appointment of the first eleven members after the effective date of this Chapter, shall be determined by a drawing at the Commission's first meeting to decide which members shall serve two, three and four year terms; three members shall serve two year terms, four members shall serve three year terms, and four members shall serve four year terms. The members first appointed to serve two year terms shall serve until March 1, 2008; the members first appointed to serve three year terms shall serve until March 1, 2009; and the members first appointed to serve four years terms shall serve until March 1, 2010. No person may serve more than two consecutive full terms. Service of more than one year shall be counted as service of one full term.

- B. In the event that a successor has not been appointed when the term of office of an incumbent member expires, the incumbent member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.
- C. Members shall be subject to removal by the Mayor and City Council by a motion adopted by five affirmative votes with the mayor entitled to vote.
- D. Members shall be subject to all applicable local, state and federal laws and codes of ethics adopted by the City Council.
- E. Any member may resign from the Commission by submitting their written resignation to the Mayor and City Council as well as to the Commission Chair.

#### 4. COMPENSATION; VACANCIES (Charter Section 805)

- A. Members shall serve without compensation for their services on the Commission but may receive reimbursement for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred on official duty when such expenditures have received authorization by the City Council.
- B. Any vacancies, from whatever cause arising, shall be filled by the Mayor and City Council with the Mayor entitled to vote on any such appointment. Upon vacancy occurring leaving an unexpired portion of a term, any appointment to fill such a vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of such term. If a member absents himself/herself from three consecutive regular meetings, unless by permission of Commission, expressed in its official minutes, or is convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, or ceases to be a qualified elector of the City, the office shall become vacant and shall be so declared by the City Council. If a position on the Commission has remained vacant for sixty (60) days, the Mayor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy in accordance with Section 803 of the Riverside City Charter.

#### 5. OFFICERS (Charter Section 804)

- A. The Commission shall have at least two officers, Chair and Vice-Chair, and such other officers, as it deems necessary.
- B. The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the Commission and shall have the same rights as other members, except the Chair shall not

make or second a motion. The Chair shall have the right to vote on all matters. The Chair shall sign all documents on behalf of the Commission after such documents have been approved by the Commission, and shall perform other such duties and delegated responsibilities as may be imposed upon the Chair by the Commission.

- C. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume all the duties and powers of the Chair. In the absence of the Chair, all actions taken by the Vice-Chair shall have the same force and effect as if taken by the Chair.
- D. The election of officers shall be conducted annually at the first meeting in March.
- E. All officers shall be elected by the members for a term of one year. A member may serve no more than two successive years in the same office.
- F. Election of officers shall be conducted in a manner prescribed by the Commission.
- G. In the event of the resignation or removal of the Chair during the year, the Vice-Chair shall become the Chair and a new election shall be held for Vice-Chair. In the event of the resignation or removal of any other officer, a new election shall be held to fill the vacant office.
- H. If the Chair and Vice-Chair are both absent at any meeting of the Commission, the Commission shall elect a Chair Pro Tem which shall perform all duties of the Chair.

6. MEETINGS (Charter Section 804/RMC Section 2.66.050)

- A. Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., at Riverside City Hall, 3900 Main Street (Council Chambers). The meeting will generally conclude by 7:00 p.m.
- B. A special meeting may be called by the Chair or any six members of the Commission. Members shall be given at least twenty-four hours notice before any special meeting. The notice and agenda for any special meeting will be distributed in accordance with the Brown Act, Section 54950 *et seq.* of the California Government Code.
- C. All meetings of the Commission and its standing Committees shall be open to the public. Notice shall be given to the public prior to convening any meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.
- D. A majority of all members of the Commission (6) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A motion shall carry upon the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present at the meeting.
- E. A Commission meeting may be cancelled by the Chair, due to a lack of a quorum or lack of sufficient agenda items.

- F. The City Manager has designated a representative of the General Services Department to act as liaison for the recording of minutes of the Commission on Disabilities. The minutes shall be kept on file in the General Services Department and shall be available for public inspection.
- G. The Commission may promulgate such rules, regulations, policies, and procedures for its conduct, as it deems necessary.
- H. All adopted rules, regulations, policies, and procedures shall be promptly filed with the City Clerk, and shall bear the signature of the Chair and the date they were adopted.

7. COMMITTEES

- A. The Commission may establish standing committees, which shall consist of any appointed Chairperson and at least two other Commission members.
- B. The Commission may appoint an ad hoc committee as needed. Each ad hoc committee shall consist of an appointed Chairperson and at least two other Commission members. Ad hoc committees serve a limited or single purpose, are not perpetual, and are dissolved once their specific task is completed.

8. REPORT TO THE CITY

The Commission shall present an annual written report of its activities for the past year to the Mayor and City Council.

9. AMENDMENT OF STANDING RULES

The standing rules may be amended at any regular meeting of the Commission by majority vote of the Commission, provided that notice of such amendment was provided in accordance with the Brown Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gregory Alexander III, Chairperson  
Commission on Disabilities

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Date of Adoption