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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.100 REGARDING COMMISSION OF THE DEAF.

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

Section 1: The title of Chapter 2.100 of the Riverside Municipal Code entitled “Commission of the Deaf” is amended to read as follows:

“Chapter 2.100 Deaf Commission.”

Section 2: Section 2.100.020(C) of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

“Section 2.100.020 Establishment; findings.

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

Section 3: Section 2.100.030 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

“Section 2.100.030 Membership, qualification and terms of the Deaf Commission.

A. The Deaf Commission shall consist of 13 members appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

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

1 Section 4: Section 2.100.050 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 “Section 2.100.050 Meetings, rules and procedures.

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

6 B. The Deaf 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 Deaf Commission, upon written notice received by each member at
9 least 24 hours prior to such meeting.

10 C. The Deaf 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 Deaf 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 Deaf
16 Commission and provide staff support as necessary.”

17 Section 5: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and information
18 contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony, hereby finds that
19 this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), as it can be
20 seen with certainty that approval of the project will not have an effect on the environment

21 Section 6: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause publication
22 once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter of the City
23 of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its adoption.

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ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

DONESIA GAUSE
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 and adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2026, 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 _____, 2026.

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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