

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Renee Eisenbeisz , Assistant City Manager
DATE: April 17, 2023
SUBJECT: Ordinance 1016 - Amending chapter 300, council and administration, section 308, human rights commission
ITEM NUMBER: 10.c
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

To adopt ordinance no. 1016, amending chapter 300, council and administration, section 308, human rights commission.

INTRODUCTION

The city council is being asked to consider the adoption of ordinance no. 1016 to amend section 308 regarding youth representatives on the human rights commission.

Section 308 of the city code establishes the human rights commission and outlines their role, composition, and terms. Section 308.020 outlines how many members can be on the commission, including youth representatives. The commission has had youth representatives since 1996. The rules for them have changed a few times since then. Below is a summary of each ordinance amendment:

- Ordinance 659, approved June 17, 1996 – Added language to allow for one student representative to serve as a non-voting member
- Ordinance 668, approved April 7, 1997 – Amended the language to give the student representative voting rights. Added language that requires them to be a high school sophomore, junior or senior and attend two meetings before being appointed
- Ordinance 812, approved March 19, 2007 – Amended the language to allow for multiple student representatives with no voting rights. Added language that allows student representatives to be non-residents. Was amended due to the city council requesting student representatives from both Mounds View and Irondale high schools.

The bikeways and trails committee, environmental quality committee, and parks and recreation commission also allow for student representatives.

DISCUSSION

The commission currently has three youth representatives from both Mounds View and Irondale high schools. Since 2007, they have had a mix of residents and non-residents serve as youth representatives. Earlier this year, the human rights commission discussed the youth representatives and their voting role. They are recommending that the city council approve ordinance no. 1016 amending section 308.020 to allow for youth representatives to have

voting privileges and be non-residents. Below is a summary of their discussion from their March 1 and 22 meetings.

Voting rights

The majority of youth representatives, current and past, have been highly committed and engaged and provide an important point of view for the commission's discussions and programs. Given this, the commission agreed that they should be able to vote on actions that they are providing guidance on.

Residency requirements

Three high schools serve Shoreview: Roseville High School, Mounds View High School, and Irondale High School. For Roseville and Irondale, the majority of the students are not Shoreview residents. However, a youth representative from them is still providing a voice for the entire student body. This is important for the commission as they try to create programs that will reach high school students. Since it is important to the city that our youth representatives are from high schools that serve Shoreview, the commission felt that they should not be required to be residents. This is similar to the economic development commission in terms of business representatives. A business representative does not need to be a resident as long as they work for a Shoreview business.

Number

The commission would like to have two to three student representatives at all times. Given this, they would like to increase their membership to nine to eleven.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the city council adopt ordinance no. 1016, amending chapter 300, council and administration, section 308, human rights commission.

ATTACHMENTS

[Ordinance 1016](#)

CITY OF SHOREVIEW

ORDINANCE NO. 1016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 308, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Shoreview City Council ordains that Section 308 of the Shoreview Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (New language is underlined and highlighted red; stricken text is proposed for deletion):

308 Human Rights Commission

308.020 Establishment and Composition. There is hereby reestablished a Human Rights Commission of the City of Shoreview. The Commission shall be composed of ~~seven (7) to nine (9)~~ to eleven (11) members and shall be advisory to the City Council. The City Council may, at its own discretion, appoint two (2) to three (3) youth representatives with full voting privileges, from local area high schools to serve as nonvoting members. The youth Youth representatives must be a high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors and attend two regular meetings before being appointed. Youth representatives may be non-residents from a school district servicing Shoreview. ~~All members, excluding the youth members, shall be residents of the City of Shoreview.~~ Members shall be appointed by the City Council.

Adoption Date: Passed by the city council of the City of Shoreview on the 17th day of April, 2023.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective the day following its publication in the city's official newspaper.

Publication Date: Published on the 25th day of April, 2023.

Sue Denking, Mayor

Attest:

Brad Martens, City Manager

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