

ORDINANCE No. 91286

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 77780 (Administration Code) by adding thereto a new article creating a permanent commission on Inter-group Relations, and defining the duties, fixing the duties of said commission and other matters relating thereto.

The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Council finds that an advisory committee was previously appointed by the Mayor to make studies and recommendations concerning inter-group relations; that said committee has made its recommendations to the Mayor and a form of ordinance prohibiting discrimination in certain places and by certain types of business on account of race, color and national origin is before the Council; that continuing study on prevention of such discrimination should be made; that a permanent commission should be established for said purpose and for educational activities in relation thereto and for investigation of complaints involving such discrimination; now, therefore, Ordinance No. 77780 (Administration Code) hereby is amended by adding thereto a new article to be numbered, entitled and to read as follows:

Article 10 Inter-group Relations Commission.

Section 3-1001 CREATION OF COMMISSION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.

(a) There hereby is created an Inter-group Relations Commission for the City of Portland. Such commission shall consist of 11 voting members. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation. The Mayor and Commissioner of Public Safety and the regularly appointed judges of the municipal court of the City of Portland shall be ex officio members of such commission but shall not be entitled to vote.

(b) The Mayor shall appoint the members of the commission from among representative members of the general public. Three members initially appointed shall serve to the first annual meeting from and after the organizational meeting of said Inter-group Relations Commission. Four members shall serve until the second annual meeting from and after the date of said organizational meeting, and four shall serve until the third annual meeting from and after the

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date of said organizational meeting. After the expiration of the initial term of said members the Mayor shall appoint a successor for a term of three years each. All members shall continue to serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified. The Mayor may appoint additional persons from the general public as consultants to the commission for special purposes on problems or for particular aspects of the commission's activities, but such consultants shall serve without compensation and shall not be entitled to vote.

(c) within thirty days from the effective date hereof, the Mayor shall send a regular notice to each member appointed calling an organizational meeting of said commission within five days thereafter for the purpose of electing a chairman as provided in Section 3-1003 of this article, who shall serve until the next annual meeting.

Section 3-1002 DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. It shall be the duty of the Inter-group Relations Commission to study and investigate problems arising between groups in the City of Portland which may result in tensions or discrimination on account of race, color, religion, or national origin or descent; to formulate and carry out a program of public education with the object of decreasing and eliminating any such tension and discrimination; to investigate any complaints of discrimination filed with or referred to said commission so as to obtain the greatest possible cooperation from all persons or groups in eliminating such discrimination, which investigation shall be available to any commissioner with whom is lodged such complaint and to the municipal court in the event any municipal judge requests such investigation and report; to recommend to the City Council any changes of law which the commission deems beneficial and to cooperate with and secure the cooperation of other organizations or civic or fraternal or other groups within the city, and in general to promote tolerance and understanding among all groups within the city.

Section 3-1003. ANNUAL MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS,

(a) The annual meeting of the Inter -group Relations Commission shall be held each year during the third week in January on a day and at a time to be fixed by the chairman of the commission. Written notice

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thereof shall be sent by the secretary of the commission to each member not less than five days before the date of said meeting.

(b) At each annual meeting the commission by majority vote shall elect from among the voting members a chairman and vice-chairman who shall serve until the date of the next annual meeting or until their successors are regularly elected and take office.

Section 3-1004 VACANCIES AND FILLING OF VACANCIES. Death, resignation, removal or inability to serve shall constitute a vacancy in office and such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor which appointees shall serve the unexpired term of the member whose place he has been named to fill.

Section 3-1005 MEETINGS. The Inter-group Relations Commission shall hold meetings of said commission at least once each month at a time and place to be designated by said commission. Special meetings may be called at any time by the chairman upon previous written notice of at least five days to each member of the commission. The vice-chairman or secretary with the approval of the majority of the members of said commission may call a special meeting at any time upon previous written notice of at least five days to each member of the commission.

Section 3-1006 QUORUM. Six voting members appointed at any meeting of the commission shall constitute a quorum thereof. Each of said members present at any regular or special meeting shall be entitled to but one vote.

Section 3-1007 ABSENT FROM MEETING: REMOVAL. Whenever a member of the Inter-group Relations Commission fails to attend four consecutive regular meetings it shall be the duty of the secretary to submit the attendance record of such member to the commission which may after investigation of the causes of such absence remove such member from the commission by majority vote.

Section 3-1008 COMMITTEES. The chairman of the Inter-group Relations Commission may establish such committees as may be necessary to assist the commission in its studies and in the performance of its duties. Members of such committees may be appointed from among the members of the commission or from

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among the general public. The chairman of the commission shall designate a member of the commission to serve as chairman of each committee.

Section 3-1009 ORDER OF BUSINESS AT COMMISSION MEETINGS. Upon organizing, the commission shall establish and adopt its rules of procedure which may be amended at any time upon affirmative vote of six members of the commission.

Passed by the Council, MAR 9 1950

Dorothy M. Gullough Lee
Mayor of the City of Portland
Will Gibson.
Attest:

Auditor of the City of Portland

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Chief Civil Engineer

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