

ORDINANCE NO. 1461

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS", TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH MIAMI COMMISSION FOR WOMEN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, women are an important part of the City of North Miami ("City") community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem it important to inspire women and to encourage women's involvement in community affairs and leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the North Miami Commission for Women will support continuing efforts for economic, political, and social equality of opportunity for all women, with special emphasis on the needs of women in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami have determined that the proposed amendments to Chapter 2, Article III of the Code of Ordinances is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1. Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled "Administration", Article III, entitled "Boards, Committees, Commissions," is amended as follows:

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI CODE OF ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION

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ARTICLE III. BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

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DIVISION 13. NORTH MIAMI COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Sec. 2-276. Creation of the North Miami Commission for Women; purpose.

There is hereby created the North Miami Commission for Women. The purpose of the commission is to support continuing efforts for economic, political and social equality of opportunity for all women, with special emphasis on the needs of women in the city and to serve in an advisory capacity to the city council.

Sec. 2-277. Duties and Responsibilities.

The powers and duties of the commission shall include, but not be limited to, the following duties, functions, powers and responsibilities:

(1) To serve in an advisory capacity by making studies, reports and recommendations to the city council and to the city manager in respect to all matters pertaining to the status of all women in the city, including, but not limited to, the fair and equal treatment of women; those policies and practices which discriminate against women whether practiced by public or private persons, individuals or corporations; and the public and private employment of women; the working and living conditions of women; the delivery of public and private services to women; the education and training of women; and public accommodations for women;

(2) To make continuing studies with recommendations and reports of all city agencies, facilities, boards, services and programs dealing with or affecting women, including equal funding of such facilities, services and programs;

(3) To study, recommend and report any needed improvements and changes to city codes, boards, ordinances, resolutions and written and unwritten policies and practices of the city;

(4) To appear before any governmental or nongovernmental agency to present findings and recommendations on behalf of the commission for women, as well as on behalf of the city with the approval of the city council;

(5) To perform other duties, functions and services as may be assigned to it by the city council.

Sec. 2-278. Composition; Qualifications; Appointment.

(1) The Commission for Women shall be composed of seven (7) members.

(2) Each city councilmember shall appoint one (1) member of the commission and two (2) members shall be appointed by the mayor and council at-large.

(3) Members of the commission shall be permanent residents or employed in businesses in the city for two (2) or more years.

(4) Each member shall have demonstrated a commitment to improve the condition of women through community and other service.

(5) The membership should reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the residents of the city.

Sec. 2-279. Terms of Office.

The terms of all members shall commence upon appointment, and shall coincide with the term of the mayor or city council member making the appointment.

Sec. 2-280. Meetings.

(1) Quorum. At all meetings of the committee, a majority of members, not less than four (4) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each member shall have one vote on every issue submitted to a vote of the committee. The decision of a majority of the voting members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the commission.

(2) Meetings. The commission shall hold regular quarterly meetings and may hold such other meetings as it deems necessary. All meetings of the committee shall be public. Minutes of the proceedings of all actions taken at the meeting of the committee shall be submitted to the city clerk.

(3) Officers. The commission members shall annually elect a voting member as chairperson and other officers it deems necessary from its voting membership.

(4) Rules. The commission shall adopt its own rules and regulations as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out its responsibilities, subject to the approval of the City Manager or his or her designee.

(5) Support. The City Manager shall designate staff support sufficient to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and provide facilities for meetings and other activities, as necessary.

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Section 2. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5. Codification. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of North Miami and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Miami, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intentions; and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption on second reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4-1 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, on first reading this 12th day of January, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4-1 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, on second reading this 26th day of January, 2021.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

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Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

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Vice Mayor Scott Galvin

Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.

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Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

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