
39.04 DISABILITY RIGHTS COMMISSION.

(Am. by ORD-15-00086, 8-12-15)

- (1) Organization. There is hereby created a Disability Rights Commission. (Am. by Ord. 12,880, 8-24-01; ORD-15-00086, 8-12-15)
- (2) Membership. The Commission shall consist of thirteen (13) members. Twelve (12) resident members and one alder shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Common Council. Resident members shall be residents of the City of Madison and shall be knowledgeable and sensitive to the service needs, rights, and responsibilities of residents with disabilities. First priority for membership shall be given to people with disabilities, family members, and advocates. (Am. by ORD-05-00168, 11-8-05; ORD-07-00195, 12-20-07; ORD-17-00030, 3-8-17)
- (3) (a) Terms. All members shall serve terms of three (3) years, commencing May 1, and expiring April 30, except that the term of the Alder member of the Commission shall expire with the expiration of their term as Alder. At the first regular Common Council meeting in April of each year, the Mayor shall appoint persons to fill terms which expire the following May 1. The Common Council shall either reject or confirm the appointments. Should the Council reject any appointment, the Mayor shall submit an alternative appointment as soon as possible. All members shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner prescribed for original appointments but the vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only.

(b) (Repealed by ORD-05-00168, 11-8-05)

(Am. by Ord. 10,978, 9-14-94; Ord. 12,880, 8-24-01)

- (4) Duties. The Disability Rights Commission shall have the following responsibilities:
 - (a) Recommend policy to the Mayor, Common Council and Department of Civil Rights in all areas that affect people with disabilities and their families. (Am. by Ord. 10,498, Adopted 8-18-92; Am. by ORD-06-00078, 6-30-06)
 - (b) Study and make recommendations to all City departments, committees, and commissions on proposals to provide better access to facilities and services for people with disabilities and their families.
 - (c) The Commission shall monitor and report violations of city ordinances and state laws pertaining to residents with disabilities to the appropriate agency.
 - (d) The Commission shall solicit comments and suggestions from residents and organized groups regarding the concerns of residents with disabilities.
 - (e) The Commission shall establish close working relationships with other City Boards, Commissions and Committees whose activities may affect people with disabilities.

(Am. by Ord. 12,880, 8-24-01; ORD-15-00086, 8-12-15; ORD-17-00030, 3-8-17)

- (5) Meetings. The Commission shall meet at least once each month and shall conduct its business in accordance with rules which it may establish.
- (6) Executive Committee. Each year the Commission shall meet as soon after May 1 as possible to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair and such other officers as the Commission may determine. The Commission Chair shall appoint a Commission member as Chair of any other committees. The Executive Committee shall consist of all Commission officers, committee Chairs and other commission members as appointed by

the Chair. The Executive Committee shall have responsibilities as assigned by the Commission. (Am. by Ord. 12,880, 8-24-01)

- (7) Staff. The Commission shall receive staff services from the Department of Civil Rights. (Am. by Ord. 10,498, Adopted 8-18-92; ORD-06-00078, 6-30-06)

(Sec. 3.62 R. & Re-Cr. by Ord. 10,246, 4-26-91; Am. by Ord. 12,880, 8-24-01; ORD-15-00086, 8-12-15)