

3.62 COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

(1) Organization . There is hereby created a Commission on People with Disabilities.

(Am. by Ord. 12,880,

8-24-01)

(2) Membership. The Commission shall consist of ~~eleven (11)~~ *thirteen (13)* members.

~~Ten (10)~~ Twelve (12) citizen members and one alderperson shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Common Council. *One member shall also be a member of the Affirmative Action Commission and a different member*

shall also be a member of the Equal Opportunities Commission. Citizen members shall be residents of the City of Madison and shall be knowledgeable and sensitive to the service needs, rights, and responsibilities of citizens with disabilities. First priority for membership shall be given to people with disabilities, family members, and advocates.

(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 Alderperson member of the Commission shall expire with the expiration of her/his term as Alderperson. 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) Alternate Members . In addition to the members above mentioned, the Mayor may appoint two (2) citizens to be alternate members of such commission and shall designate which alternate is the first alternate and which alternate is the second alternate. The first alternate shall act with full power when any other member of the commission is absent or refuses to act because of a conflict of interest. The second alternate shall so act only when the first alternate refuses or is absent or when more than one (1) member of the commission so refuses or is absent. (Am. by Ord. 10,978, 9-14-94; Ord. 12,880, 8-24-01)~~

(4) Duties. The Commission on People with Disabilities shall have the following responsibilities:

(a) Recommend policy to the Mayor, Common Council and Department of Affirmative Action in all areas that affect people with disabilities and their families. (Am. by Ord. 10,498, Adopted 8-18-92)

(b) Study and make recommendations to all City departments, *boards*, 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 citizens with disabilities to the appropriate agency.

(d) The Commission shall solicit comments and suggestions from citizens and organized groups regarding the concerns of citizens 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)

(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 Affirmative Action Office. (Am.

by Ord. 10,498, Adopted 8-18-92)

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