

City of Tukwila, Washington

Ordinance Number 2003, dated 11/18/02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE, SCOPE, AND TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COMMISSION; REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 1828 AND 1871; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Equity and Diversity Commission was first established as a City commission through Ordinance Number 1828 in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the terms of appointment for the Commission were subsequently changed in Ordinance Number 1871; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years the Equity and Diversity Commission has worked hard to encourage understanding, tolerance, and appreciation for cultural and ethnic diversity through a variety of programs and discussions; and

WHEREAS, recent experience has led to a recommendation to alter the composition of members on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Equity and Diversity Commission strongly believes in its mission of providing a forum for discussions of racism, equality and diversity; broadening tolerance among citizens and school students; and reaching out to ethnic minorities in the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Equity and Diversity Commission. The Equity and Diversity Commission, as established in Ordinance Number 1828, shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and Council for the City of Tukwila and the Tukwila School Board.

A. Purpose. The objective of the Commission shall be:

1. To promote understanding that accepts, celebrates and appreciates cultural diversity within the community.
2. To serve as a resource for the community by providing information and educational forums that will facilitate a better understanding and acceptance of cultural differences.
3. To provide recommendations to the Mayor, City Council and School Board that would identify opportunities to address cultural diversity issues or promote cultural diversity programs.

B. Composition of Commission. The Commission shall be comprised of nine members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. To the extent possible, membership shall be representative of the diversity of the school district and city and should include:

1. Three members representing the City, one of who shall be a member of the Tukwila City Council (Positions 1, 4 and 7), provided that if the City is unable to fill one of its three positions, a community member may fill one City position.

2. Three members representing the School District or School Board (Positions 2, 5 and 8), providing that if the School District is unable to fill one of its three positions, a community member may fill one School District position.

3. Three community members, two of whom may be representatives of the business community (Positions 3, 6, and 9).

C. Terms of Appointment.

1. Positions 1, 2 and 3 terms will expire 7/31/03.

2. Positions 4, 5 and 8 terms will expire 7/31/04.

3. Positions 6, 7 and 9 terms will expire 7/31/05.

4. Positions will be appointed for two-year terms thereafter. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the term of the member being replaced.

D. Appointment to Commission. Members will be recommended by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

E. Staffing. Staffing shall be provided by cooperative agreement between the Tukwila School District and the City of Tukwila.

Section 2. Officers, Meeting Procedures, Quorum.

A. Members of the Commission shall meet and organize by electing, from their membership, a chairperson and a vice-chair.

B. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings. In the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chair shall chair the meeting. If neither the chair nor the vice-chair is present, a member chosen by agreement of the attending members shall act as chairperson.

C. The Commission shall choose its own meeting dates and times, and shall adopt operating rules of procedure.

D. The Commission shall keep the City of Tukwila and the Tukwila School District apprised of its activities and recommendations through periodic reports.

E. A majority of the appointed members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. Repealer. Ordinance Numbers 1828 and 1871 are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this

ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance or a summary thereof shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a Regular Meeting thereof this _____ day of _____, 2002.

Steven M. Mullet, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Jane E. Cantu, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

Office of the City Attorney

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