

OFFICE OF CLERK OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO CREATE A COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, PROVIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP, DEFINE THE PURPOSES AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION AND OBJECTIVES SOUGHT TO BE ACCOMPLISHED, PROVIDE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Community Relations Commission for the City of Atlanta, Georgia, to be known as the Community Relations Commission. The Commission shall be composed of twenty members, serving without compensation, all bonafide adult residents and representatives of all segments of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, to be appointed by the Mayor with approval of the Board of Aldermen, one of whom shall be designated by the Mayor as its chairman at the organizational meeting and at each annual meeting thereafter. Seven members of said Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Of the twenty members first appointed, six shall be appointed for one year, seven for two years and seven for three years; thereafter all appointments to the Commission shall be for a term of three years. Any member may be removed by the Mayor for failure to attend meetings or inattention to duties. In the event of death, resignation or removal of any member, his successor shall be appointed by the Mayor to serve for the unexpired period of the time for which such member has been appointed provided, however, that all members shall continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed.

SECTION 2. The Commission, at its organizational meeting and each annual meeting thereafter, shall elect from its membership a vice-chairman; a second vice-chairman; and a secretary. The chairman, vice-chairman, second vice-chairman, and secretary shall have and perform such duties as are commonly associated with their respective titles. The officers of the Commission shall be and constitute the executive committee of the Commission which shall exercise such powers of the Commission between its regular meetings as may be authorized by the Commission. The Commission shall be further authorized to appoint and fix the membership of such number of standing and temporary committees as it may find expedient for the performance of its duties.

SECTION 3. The Community Relations Commission shall meet at least once

each month at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Commission by its standing rules. Special meetings shall be called by the chairman, or in his absence by the ranking vice-chairman, or on the written request of any two members of the executive committee, or upon the written request of a majority (ten members) of said Commission. All such requests shall state the purpose or purposes for which such special meeting is to be called, and shall be filed with the secretary at least twenty-four hours before the time of the special meeting so-called and authorized. Such request and call for a special meeting shall be read at the meeting and entered in the minutes, and no business shall be transacted except that stated in the request for such special meeting. The Commission shall prepare its own agenda for all meetings and establish its own rules of order or adopt Robert's Rule of Order for the conduct of their meetings.

SECTION 4. The functions, duties and powers of the Commission shall be:

- (a) To foster mutual understanding, tolerance, and respect among all economic, social, religious, and ethnic groups in the City.
- (b) To help make it possible for each citizen, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or ancestry, to develop his talents and abilities without limitation.
- (c) To aid in permitting the City of Atlanta to benefit from the fullest realization of its human resources.
- (d) To investigate, discourage and seek to prevent discriminatory practices against any individual because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or ancestry.
- (e) To attempt to act as conciliator in controversies involving human relations.
- (f) To cooperate with the Federal, State, and City agencies in developing harmonious human relations.
- (g) To cooperate in the development of educational programs dedicated to the improvement of human relations with, and to enlist the support of, civic leaders; civic, religious, veterans, labor, industrial, commercial and eleemosynary groups; and private agencies engaged in the inculcation of ideals of tolerance, mutual respect and understanding.

- (h) To make studies, and to have studies made, in the field of human relations, and to prepare and disseminate reports of such studies.
- (i) To recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen such ordinances as will aid in carrying out the purposes of this ordinance.
- (j) To submit an annual report to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
- (k) To accept grants and donations on behalf of the City from foundations and others for the purpose of carrying out the above listed functions, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to the named functions and duties of the Community Relations Commission, it is empowered to hold hearings and take the testimony of any person under oath. The Commission, after the completion of any hearing, shall make a report in writing to the Mayor setting forth the facts found by it and its recommendations. At any hearing before the Commission a witness shall have the right to be advised by Counsel present during such hearings.

SECTION 6. The Commission shall, with the approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, employ an executive director, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall fix his compensation. The executive director shall be a person with training and experience in inter-group and inter-racial relations. The executive director shall coordinate the activities of the Commission and its staff. He may, with the Mayor's approval and within the limits of the budget of the Commission, employ such staff as he needs, and the executive director shall fix the compensation of such staff, subject to the approval of the Personnel Board of the City.

SECTION 7. The Commission shall prepare annually a budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall submit such budget to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of their approval. Except for the initial year, the Commission shall prepare and submit each budget no later than September 30 of each year. All Budgetary expenditures shall be authorized by the Commission.

SECTION 8. In the event that private funds are made available for special projects, surveys, and educational programs, the Mayor is authorized, upon recommendation of the Commission, to enter into such contract or contracts with

private individuals, associations, or groups desiring to promote the purpose of said Commission by furnishing funds for said purposes.

SECTION 9. The services of all other departments of The City of Atlanta shall be made available to the Commission upon its request for such services subject to the ability and capacity of said Department to render same. Information in the possession of any department, board, or agency of the City of Atlanta shall be furnished to the Commission upon its request, and to the extent permitted by law, subject to the ability and capacity of the department to furnish it. Upon the refusal by any director or head of any department, board, or agency of the City to furnish any information which has been requested by the Commission, the matter shall be referred to the Mayor who shall determine whether such information shall be furnished to the Commission, and the decision of the Mayor shall be final.

SECTION 10. The Mayor is authorized to allocate adequate office space and to provide the necessary facilities in the City Hall for said Commission if the office space and facilities are available. If office space and facilities are not available in the City Hall, then the Mayor is authorized to secure adequate office space and to provide the necessary facilities as convenient to the City Hall as possible.

SECTION 11. If any section of this ordinance be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then such section shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provision of this ordinance, said section to be completely separable from the remaining provisions of this ordinance and the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. The provisions of this ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Charter and Related Laws of the City of Atlanta, as an addition thereto.

SECTION 13. That a copy of this proposed amendment to the Charter and Related Laws of the City of Atlanta shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County and that the "Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Charter and Related Laws of the City of Atlanta", attached hereto, marked "Exhibit A" and made a part of this ordinance, be published once a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Atlanta or the official organ of Fulton County and that a copy of said advertisement be attached to this ordinance prior to its

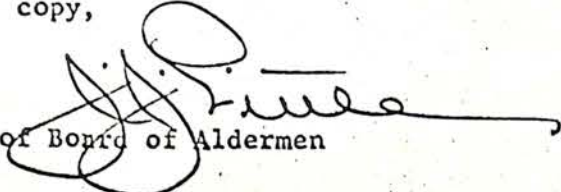
final adoption by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

SECTION 14. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED By Board of Aldermen November 7, 1966

APPROVED November 8, 1966.

A true copy,


Clerk of Board of Aldermen