

CHAPTER 2 Article VI. Division 11- ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Sec. 2-801. PURPOSE AND CREATION.

There is hereby established an Advisory Commission on Disabilities. The Commission shall commit itself to ensuring that every Aurora resident is afforded an equal opportunity to access and participate in City programs, services, facilities and communications. This Commission is established in part to assist the City in fulfilling its obligations under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), regulations promulgated in connection therewith and any other applicable law or ordinance concerning the rights of disabled persons.

Sec. 2-802. MEMBERSHIP:

- 1) The mayor or designee as ex-officio member, a chairman and eight (8) additional members (hereinafter "members") to be appointed by the mayor subject to the advice and consent the city council.
- 2) All members shall reside within the City.
- 3) Except as provided for in 1 above, no officer or employee of the City may serve as a member of the Commission during the time they hold office or are employed by the City.
- 4) At least two (2) of said members shall have professional expertise in the various facets of the duties of the Commission, by virtue of their training and/or employment. These areas of expertise may include, but are not necessarily limited to: the disabled, community development, architecture, transportation, communications, employment, the law, environmental management and safety.

Sec. 2-803. Chairman.

The chairman of the Advisory Commission on Disabilities shall be designated by the mayor for a period of one (1) year or until his/her successor has been duly appointed.

Sec. 2-804. Terms of members.

The nine (9) members of the Advisory Commission on Disabilities may be appointed for a term of one (1) year, two (2) years, or three (3) years from the time of their appointment and each and every year thereafter.

Sec. 2-805. Successors.

All persons appointed as members of Advisory Commission on Disabilities shall serve in their official capacities, respectively, until their successors have been appointed and qualified as provided in this article.

Sec. 2-806. Vacancies in office.

In the event of the death, resignation, removal or incapacity of any member of Advisory Commission on Disabilities or if a vacancy occurs for any reason, a new member shall be appointed in the same manner to fill the unexpired term.

Sec. 2-807. Powers and Duties.

The Advisory Commission on Disabilities shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City and in connection therewith shall:

- 1) Promote events, plans and/or policies as deemed necessary based on adopted goals and strategies of the ADA and regulations promulgated to carry out the ADA. The Commission shall submit written recommendations concerning said policies and/or plans to the Mayor and City Council. Said plans and/or policies shall be consistent with previously adopted or proposed land use plans as well as other social or economic goals as directed by the City Council where not inconsistent with the ADA or other applicable law.
- 2) Receive and/or solicit "technical assistance" as provided in the ADA in understanding the responsibility of the City under the ADA where deemed necessary by the Commission or the City Council.

Sec. 2-808. Assistance and Cooperation from City Officers.

- 1) At the direction of the Mayor, any officer or department of the City shall assist and cooperate with the Commission and shall at the Mayor's direction attend Commission meetings, furnish information, advice, and access to facilities respecting subject matters as the Commission may reasonably require in order to carry out its purposes and fulfill its duties as set forth herein. The City shall provide clerical services to the Commission where possible.
- 2) Expenses for the operation and conduct of the affairs of the Commission shall be paid from Public Works through the Central Services fund of the City's budget or where appropriate, because of a special program, from a separate City fund where monies are budgeted for said purpose.

Sec. 2-809. Meetings.

Regular meetings shall generally be held once a month and shall comply with the Open Meetings Act. Special meetings may be called at any time by the chairman or any member that submits a request in writing to the chairman, and held at such place as fixed in the call. Meeting notices shall be pursuant to applicable state and local requirements.

Sec. 2-810. - Quorum.

Four (4) members of the commission shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. No official business of the commission shall transpire without a meeting that has a quorum.

Sec. 2-811. - Attendance.

Commission members are required to attend the meetings referenced in section 2-809 above. If a member is absent from three (3) successive regular meetings without notification, it shall be considered a voluntary resignation. A simple majority vote of the commission may declare the position vacant and request that the mayor appoint a new member to fill the term.

Sec. 2-812. - Rules and regulations.

The advisory commission disabilities shall adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper to govern the conduct of the meetings and the business to be performed subject to approval by the city council.

Sec. 2-813. Jurisdiction.

This Chapter shall be construed according to the fair import of its terms and shall be liberally construed to further the purposes stated in of this Chapter and the special purposes of the particular provision involved.