

**PASSED 10/10/11 BY A VOTE OF 7-0**  
**ORDINANCE No. 29-2011**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 19-2011  
ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL WITH THE  
CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, unanimously adopted Ordinance 19-2011 on June 26, 2011 and in so doing established an Advisory Human Relations Council within City of Valparaiso, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, now deems it appropriate and necessary to amend such Ordinance so as to expand membership of the Advisory Human Relations Council from seven members to ten members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana remains committed to creating a nondiscriminatory environment by promoting a better understanding of the diversity of the citizens of the City of Valparaiso.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, that Section 38.03 of the Valparaiso Municipal Code should be and is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 38.03 Organization of Advisory Human Relations Council**

Within thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of this ordinance, the Mayor shall appoint the initial ten (10) members of the Advisory Human Relations Council. In making appointments to the Advisory Human Relations Council, the Mayor shall consider the individuals sensitivity and awareness to human relations matters affecting the community. The Advisory Human Relations Council membership shall reflect the diversity of community and shall include representation from all major sectors of the community, including business and labor, non-profit organizations, education, government and the faith community.

One of the Mayor's appointments to the Advisory Human Relations Council shall be an employee of the City of Valparaiso. The Mayor may appoint two non-voting members in addition to the ten full members of the Advisory Human Relations Council, which may vote to appoint additional non-voting members. Non-voting members shall be eligible to serve on subcommittees of the Advisory Human Relations Council.

The initial Mayoral appointments to the Advisory Human Relations Council shall be staggered so that three members are appointed to two year terms; three members are appointed to three year terms and four members is appointed to a four year terms. Subsequent appointments to the Advisory Human Relations Council shall be for four year terms, except appointments made to fill an unexpired term shall be for the remainder of that term.

The Advisory Human Relations Council shall hold an organizational meeting not later than thirty (30) days after all appointments are made. At that organizational meeting, the Advisory Human Relations Council shall select from its membership a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The Mayor may remove any member of the Advisory Human Relations Council for cause, including failure of the member to attend three (3) consecutive Advisory Human Relations Council meetings or an actual conflict of interest.

All other provisions of Ordinance 19-2011 shall remain in full force and effect until subsequent modification by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana.

**PASSED** by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a 7-0 vote of all members present and voting, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October (September deleted), 2011.

/s/ Jon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon E. Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer