

**ORDINANCE NO. 3, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA, AMENDING ORDINANCES 29-2011  
CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY HUMAN RELATIONS  
COUNCIL WITHIN THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, adopted Ordinance 19-2011 on June 27, 2011 creating an Advisory Human Relations Council (“AHRC”). Ordinance 19-2011 was later amended by Ordinance 29-2011 on October 10, 2011;

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, now deems it appropriate and necessary to amend such Ordinance to resolve certain inconsistencies as to the number of AHRC members and the length of AHRC member terms; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana remains committed to creating a nondiscriminatory environment within the City 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 38.02 & 38.03 of the Valparaiso Municipal Code should be and is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 38.02 Membership of Advisory Human Relations Council**

The Valparaiso Advisory Human Relations Council shall be composed of ten members all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor. Members shall serve without compensation and shall provide counsel and assistance to the Mayor on matters related to community human relations.

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

(A) Within 30 days from the date of the adoption of this chapter, the Mayor shall appoint the initial ten 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.

(B) Except as noted below, members shall serve terms of three (3) years commencing on January 1 and until reappointed or a successor is appointed. As to the existing members, appointments and terms shall be handled as follows:

(i) 1 member appointed by the Mayor shall be a City employee. This member shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and retain membership on the Council until removed and replaced by the Mayor.

(ii) 3 members shall serve until December 31, 2020.

(iii) 3 members shall serve until December 31, 2021.

(iv) 3 members shall serve until December 31, 2022.

(v) The Valparaiso Police Chief shall serve as a nonvoting member.

(vi) The Mayor may appoint up to four (4) nonvoting members who are fulltime high school or college students and reside in Valparaiso. The terms of these nonvoting members shall be for one (1) year starting January 1.

(vii) Upon adoption of this Ordinance, the Mayor shall issue appropriate written appointments identifying which current members are assigned to the terms outlined in subsection (B)(ii)-(iv),

(C) Upon completion of the terms identified in subsection (B)(ii)-(iv), the Mayor shall appoint members for a full three (3) year term. Members may be reappointed for consecutive terms; however, no member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms commencing January 1, 2020.

(D) At the first Council meeting of each year, the Council shall select a Chairperson and a Vice-

Chairperson from its members. The Chairperson shall be the primary contact person between the Mayor and Council.

(E) Should a vacancy arise on the Council, the Mayor shall appoint a person to complete the remaining portion of the current term.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote of all members present and voting, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2020.

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Matthew R. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2020.

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Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2020 at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock PM.

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Matthew R. Murphy, Mayor