

Ordinance No. _____

Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending PAMC Section 2.22.030 to Update Quorum and Other Procedural Requirements Reflecting a Seven Member Human Relations Commission

The Council of the City of Palo Alto ORDAINS as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds and declares as follows:

- A. The City has a Human Relations Commission as detailed in Chapter 2.22 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code.
- B. In March and April 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance 5583 to expand the membership of the Human Relations Commission from five to seven members.
- C. The City Council now desires to clean up the quorum requirements and other procedural aspects of Chapter 2.22 to reflect the seven member commission.

SECTION 2. Section 2.22.030 (Officers, meetings and procedures) of Chapter 2.22 (Human Relations Commission) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) is hereby amended and restated as follows (deleted text is in ~~striketrough~~, new text is underlined):

2.22.030 Officers, meetings and procedures.

(a) The commission shall elect one of its members chairperson who shall hold office for one year and until a successor is elected unless the chairperson's term as a member of the commission sooner expires.

(b) The Human Relations Commission shall establish a regular time, date and place of meeting and shall ordinarily hold meetings monthly. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or by any ~~three~~four members of the commission upon personal notice being given to all members or by written notice being mailed to each member twenty-four hours prior to such meeting unless such notice requirement is waived in writing.

(c) ~~Three~~Four of the ~~five~~seven members shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative votes of a majority of members present are required to take any action.

(d) The commission may establish ad hoc committees of ~~two~~up to three commission members for advisory and investigative purposes. The commission shall, by majority vote, appoint members of ad hoc committees.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or sections of the Ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it should have adopted the Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 4. The Council finds that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to Section 15061 of the CEQA Guidelines, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first day after the date of its adoption.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

Assistant City Attorney

City Manager

Director, Community Services Department