

Ordinance O-21-28

ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 2.30 OF THE WAUWATOSA MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Common Council of the City of Wauwatosa do hereby ordain as follows:

Part I. Chapter 2.30 of the Wauwatosa Municipal Code of Ordinances is hereby created to read in its entirety as follows:

Chapter 2.30 COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

2.30.010 Created.

There is hereby created a permanent voluntary Wauwatosa Commission for Persons with Disabilities which shall consist of a membership as follows:

- A. Not less than seven nor more than eleven persons who live or work in the city of Wauwatosa to be appointed by the mayor, subject to the confirmation of the common council, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three years or until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. The Commission shall select one or more members as chairperson and one or more as vice chairperson. The commissioners shall receive no compensation.
- B. The chair (and the vice chair when the chair is unavailable) shall serve as spokesperson for the commission; provide organizational leadership, including meeting leadership, organization and documentation; lead the development and periodic update of the commission strategic plan; provide annual reports (with the help of city staff) to the common council; assure consideration of issues relevant to persons with disabilities by working closely with the aldermanic liaison.
- C. Biannually, a member of the common council shall be appointed as a liaison (nonvoting) member by the mayor.
- D. The health officer, or designee, shall be appointed as an ex officio (nonvoting) member of the senior commission.
- E. Other municipal officials may be appointed as needed as ex officio members.

2.30.020 Purpose and duties.

The purpose and duties of the Wauwatosa Commission for Persons with Disabilities shall be as follows:

- A. The Commission will serve as a liaison between the Mayor's office, other government officials, and Wauwatosa residents, including persons with disabilities. The Commission will work with officials to raise awareness as it deals with concerns raised by persons with disabilities in Wauwatosa. The Commission will make recommendations to the City and other government entities relating to possible policy changes that will assist Wauwatosa in more effectively meeting the needs or concerns set forth by people with disabilities. The Commission will advocate for the rights of all persons with disabilities (mental, physical, environmental and Intellectual) to live, work and enjoy all of the privileges of being a resident of the City of Wauwatosa.
- B. The Commission will continually monitor the needs of persons with disabilities through assessments, surveys, questionnaires, hearings, informal discussions and social media, in order to develop strategic recommendations by identifying opportunities for the voice and participation of persons with disabilities to benefit city organizations through their expertise or insight.
- C. The Commission will increase public awareness of the needs of persons with disabilities, provide public and private schools with guidance on the needs of people with disabilities, provide Wauwatosa churches with guidance on involving people with disabilities, educate employers in Wauwatosa so that they can better meet the needs of individuals with disabilities, conduct forums for general education, and share with City officials the names of organizations and employers that are worthy of being recognized for their exemplary work with individuals with disabilities.
- D. The Commission will provide support to people with disabilities, serve as a focal point for questions from persons with disabilities, serve as a liaison with public officials and service organizations, and provide issue papers to City officials on relevant areas of concern so that those officials may take appropriate action.
- E. The Commission will assist in identification and resolution of problems involving people with disabilities, monitor compliance with the ADA, and serve on committees when issues arise that affect individuals with disabilities.
- F. The Commission will provide information on disability issues through selected media coverage, and develop a public relations network to reach the people of Wauwatosa.

Part II. This ordinance shall take effect on and after its dates of passage and publication.

Passed and Dated December 21, 2021

Introduced: December 7, 2021

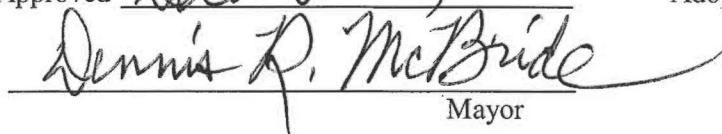
Referred to originating committee



City Clerk

Approved December 21, 2021

Adopted: December 21, 2021



Mayor