

ORDINANCE NO. 20130926-081

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The City Code is amended by adding a new Section 2-1-131 to read as follows:

§ 2-1-131 COMMISSION ON SENIORS.

- (A) The Commission on Seniors shall serve as an advisory board to the council concerning the quality of life for senior citizens in the Austin area and to help ensure older adults are productive, independent, and healthy.
- (B) The council shall appoint 11 commission members:
 - (1) the mayor may nominate two commission members and each council member may nominate one commission member;
 - (2) The Travis County Commissioners Court shall appoint one commission member;
 - (3) The Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area shall appoint one commission member;
 - (4) The Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall appoint one commission member.
- (C) The commission should include members who are representatives of or sensitive to the needs of the senior population. Members should have substantive knowledge on issues concerning senior citizens including but not limited to health, affordable housing, basic needs, transportation, social engagement and inclusion, and caregiver support. The commission as whole should strive to represent a diversity of ethnicity, race, and gender; and include older adults who are representatives of the senior population.
- (D) The commission shall:
 - (1) advise the council on issues related to the senior population in the Austin area;

- (2) evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices that create a positive impact and reduce the burden on seniors;
- (3) determine the needs of seniors in the Austin community, and advise council regarding these needs; and
- (4) promote the contributions of seniors to the cultural, economic, and historical value of Austin.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on October 7, 2013.

PASSED AND APPROVED

September 26, 2013

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