

ORDINANCE NO. 17-_____

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE COLORADO SPRINGS
COMMISSION ON AGING

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Colorado Springs desire to make Colorado Springs a city that is inclusive and welcoming to people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Demography Office projects that the population of people 65 years of age or older in the Pikes Peak region will increase from 68,000 in 2010 to 176,500 in 2040; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, 12% of the population of El Paso County was 65 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council believe that older citizens of the City of Colorado Springs are assets to our community whose experience and perspective would benefit the operations of our municipal government; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2016, Colorado Springs became a member of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Age Friendly Communities Network; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to build on the momentum started by the City's inclusion on the AARP Age Friendly Communities Network by creating a City commission on aging that will provide ongoing and embedded advocacy for older adults in the municipal government of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, Section 9-10(a) of the City Charter provides that "all boards and commissions shall be created by ordinance, which shall prescribe the powers and duties delegated by Council."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. There is hereby created the Colorado Springs Commission on Aging (the "Commission") for the purpose of providing ongoing and embedded advocacy for older adults in the municipal government of Colorado Springs.

Section 2. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. Host an annual public hearing to solicit community input on priorities for the aging population.
- B. Advise the City Council on special issues and opportunities relating to the City's aging population.
- C. Make recommendations to the City Council and Mayor during the annual municipal budget process.
- D. Review legislation that affects older adults and make recommendations to the City Council and Mayor on positions.
- E. Develop and adopt rules of procedure consistent with City Code Section 1.2.903, concerning the internal affairs of the Commission, including but not limited to, membership qualifications, governance and operation of the Commission.

Section 3. The Commission shall consist of eleven (11) regular members to be appointed by City Council as follows:

Six (6) citizens at-large;

Five (5) representatives from any of the following industries:

- i. Senior-serving organizations;
- ii. Transportation;
- iii. Housing; and
- iv. Accessibility.

All of the members of the Commission must be residents of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Appointments to the Commission shall mirror, as much as possible, the demographics of the aging population in Colorado Springs. These include ethnicity, gender, race, age, and geographic location. In particular, the Council shall endeavor to include representation from each of the City's Council districts. Additionally, the Mayor shall appoint a liaison to the Commission. Such liaison shall not be a voting member of the Commission.

Section 4. So as to achieve staggered terms, the initial members of the Council shall be appointed for the following terms: four (4) members for three (3) year terms; four (4) members for two (2) year terms, and three (3) members for one (1) year terms. All subsequent appointments shall be for three (3) year terms, except appointments to fill unexpired terms.

Section 5. A simple majority of members appointed by Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Commission members and alternates, if any, when acting within the scope of their appointments, shall comply with the provisions of City Charter sections 9-10 and 3-60(d), the City Code, the Rules and Procedures of City Council, and any rules of procedure duly adopted by the Commission and approved by City Council.

Section 7. The Commission shall meet at times and locations convenient to the Commission and to the public, but no less often than quarterly.

Section 8. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 9. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance shall be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day of _____ 2017.

Finally passed: _____

Council President

Mayor's Action:

- Approved on _____.
- Disapproved on _____, based on the following objections:

Mayor

Council Action After Disapproval:

- Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- Finally adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.
- Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk