



Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 22-28 Repealing Ordinance Nos. 10-48 and 12-20, Dissolving the Colorado Springs Human Relations Commission

Presenter:

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Summary:

After a thorough review and stakeholder process, City Council has determined the Human Relations Commission no longer serves a legislative function as it relates to City Council.

Background:

City Council has established and appoints membership for over 20 Boards, Commissions, and Committees. A majority of these were created prior to the form of government change to a Strong Mayor in 2010.

As part of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, City Council has prioritized reviewing all City Council Appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees to ensure they are serving City Council's legislative role. This review has included the transition of the Commission on Aging to Pike's Peak Area Council of Governments and the dissolution of Food Policy Advisory Board with the creation of Sustainability Advisory Board.

During the review process, it has been determined that the enabling legislation that established the Human Relations Commission no longer aligns with legislative function of City Council. Prior to making this decision we conducted a thorough review and stakeholder process that included, meeting with the Commission twice, researching other Human Relations Commissions, and exploring alternatives with the Executive Staff.

Since 2020, City Council has established the Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission and the City has prioritized equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts including the establishment of a Community Diversity and Outreach Manger.

Previous Council Action:

City Council created the Human Relations Commission with Ordinance 10-48 on June 8, 2010 and further amended the legislation with Ordinance 12-20 on March 27, 2012.

Financial Implications:

N/A

City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

The Human Relations Commission recommends operating under current legislation and no need for change.

Stakeholder Process:

City Council met with the Human Relations Commission on October 19, 2021 and February 15, 2022 to review the mission of the Commission and determine their legislative function. Councilmembers and Council staff also met several times with Executive Staff to explore alternate Commission options.

Alternatives:

Unable to identify a legislative alternative for the Human Relations Commission under the purview of City Council.

Proposed Motion:

Approve an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Nos. 10-48 and 12-20, Dissolving the Colorado Springs Human Relations Commission

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