

Legislation Text

File #: BILL NO. 18-35, **Version:** 1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 15-21, OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE TYPE AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ESTABLISHING AN ATTENDANCE POLICY, AND DEFINING A QUORUM. (Rules 2-12-18)

Issue/Request:

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Key Issues:

At the request of the Human Relations Commission (HRC) chairman, the proposed ordinance is being introduced to help address Commission challenges. The Human Relations Commission has been challenged with frequent turnover, lack of quorum, and difficulty finding student members.

The proposed amendment would increase the number of HRC members in hopes of adding more members to count for quorum. Additionally, while finding student members will still be a priority for the HRC, the amendment would allow for students to make use of a citizen member position. Also, the proposed amendment would enact an attendance policy to help promote active participation among members.

Proposed City Council Motion:

FIRST MOTION: I move for second reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 15-21, OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE TYPE AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ESTABLISHING AN ATTENDANCE POLICY, AND DEFINING A QUORUM.

SECOND MOTION: I move for approval of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 15-21, OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE TYPE AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ESTABLISHING AN ATTENDANCE POLICY, AND DEFINING A QUORUM.

Background:

The Human Relations Commission is a group of citizen volunteers appointed by the Mayor with consent from the City Council. The Commission was formed in 1993 following the community strategic planning process. The HRC's mission is to promote mutual understanding, respect, and inclusion among all diverse groups represented in Lee's Summit.

Presenter: Nick Edwards | Assistant City Manager

Recommendation: Staff Recommends Approval; The City Council Rules Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 3-0.