

This Ordinance:
AMENDS the Code of Ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-03-033

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE

(Terms of commissioners; Extending terms to conclude pending hearings (Sections 12-18 and 12-84))

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Urbana desires to amend the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance so that appointment and expiration dates of the terms of Members of the Commission on Human Rights are on June 30 of the appropriate year, rather than May 1; and

WHEREAS the current language for the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance makes no provision for the situation where terms of Members expire while a hearing before the Commission is pending; and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to amend the ordinance to allow Members of the Commission whose terms would otherwise expire before the conclusion of a pending hearing to remain as Commission Members solely for the purpose of concluding the pending hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That Sections 12-18 and 12-84 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana are amended, with the underlined text indicating new language and the strikethrough text indicating deletions, as follows:

Sec. 12-18. Terms of members.

The term of office of each person appointed to the commission on human relations, ~~unless otherwise expressly provided for by ordinance, shall be three years and shall expire at 7:30 p.m. on the third May first following the date of appointment midnight on the June thirtieth of the third year, except as provided herein.~~ The terms of office of the members shall be staggered. When any person is appointed to the commission to fill a vacancy created by a resignation, the term shall expire on the same date as the term for the member whose resignation created the vacancy.

Whenever the conclusion of a public hearing conducted by the commission has not been reached on June thirtieth, any member whose term expires on that June thirtieth shall continue to serve on the commission until the conclusion of the hearing, solely for the purpose of concluding the pending hearing. Such members shall be referred to as "holdover" members. The existence of any holdover members shall not affect the beginning of the term of the new members appointed to replace such holdover

members; the terms of the new members shall begin on July 1. Holdover members shall not be counted for any quorum purposes other than those related to the pending hearing that causes the holdover status.

Sec. 12-84. Public hearing.

(5) At the conclusion of any hearing, the commission shall render a decision as to whether or not the respondent has engaged in an unlawful practice or has otherwise violated the provisions of this article. No such decision by the commission shall be by a vote of less than a majority of ~~its duly authorized members~~ the commission members qualified to hear the case at the commencement of the hearing.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, _____.

Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor