

ARTICLE XX.

CITIZEN HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION.

SEC. 2-147. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this commission is to assure participation from, and inclusion of, all stakeholders, including those with past or present experience with homelessness, in order to develop policy recommendations to ensure alignment of city services with regional services to enhance efficiency, quality, and effectiveness of the community-wide response to homelessness. (Ord. [30431](#))

SEC. 2-148. CREATED; MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; MEETINGS.

(a) There is hereby created the citizen homelessness commission, which shall be an advisory body of 15 members. Each city council member shall appoint one member to the commission. The mayor shall appoint the chair, and the full city council shall appoint the vice-chair.

(b) Members of the commission must meet the following qualifications:

(1) two members must have past or present experience as a homeless person, and the city council may, after a review of the specific circumstances, waive disqualification under Section 8-1.4 of this code for these members;

(2) one member must be a representative from a faith-based organization; and

(3) the remaining members must be chosen from the general public.

(c) All members shall be appointed for an initial term to expire on September 30, 2019. Subsequent appointments will be made in September of each odd-numbered year for a two-year term beginning on October 1.

(d) The commission must meet at least once each month and may hold additional meetings at the call of the chair. (Ord. [30431](#))

SEC. 2-149. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.

(a) The commission, in carrying out its purpose, shall act as an advisory body to the city manager and the city council and shall:

(1) advise the city manager and the city council on issues affecting homelessness;

(2) assist the city in evaluating new and existing programs;

(3) coordinate with other local and regional bodies addressing homelessness; and

(4) perform such other duties assigned by the city manager or city council.

(b) The city manager shall provide information and assistance to the commission in the performance of its duties and functions. (Ord. [30431](#))