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**ORDINANCE NO. 19092**

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr. concerning membership on the Topeka Human Relations Commission, amending City of Topeka Code § 86-27, and repealing said original sections.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That section 86-27, Composition; term of members, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Composition; appointment; term of members.**

(a) Membership generally. The Topeka Human Relations Commission shall consist of nine (9) members to be drawn from diverse racial, ethnic, commercial, and industrial segments of the community, who shall reside within the corporate limits of the city. The commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor from council nominations, and such appointments shall be confirmed by the council. ~~Members shall serve without compensation.~~

(b) Terms. The term of office of each member of the commission shall be for two (2) years. Members shall not serve beyond the end of their appointed terms. Upon expiration of a term the position shall remain vacant until a successor is appointed.

(c) Qualifications of members. No full or part time benefit eligible employee or elected official of the city may be appointed to the commission. No immediate family member of a city councilmember, any department director or employee of the Topeka Human Relations Commission may be appointed to the commission.

(d) Compensation and removal. Members shall serve without compensation. Members may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the council. Removal for

29 cause shall include but not be limited to the following reasons: failure to attend four (4)  
30 commission meetings in one (1) calendar year or failure to attend three (3) consecutive  
31 commission meetings in one (1) calendar year. In the case of death, incapacity,  
32 resignation or disqualification of any member of the commission, vacancies shall be  
33 filled in accordance with City of Topeka Code section 2-181.

34 (e) Commission organization. The commission shall select by majority vote  
35 one of the appointees as the chairperson of the commission and one of the appointees  
36 as the vice-chairperson of the commission. The commission shall meet monthly. Special  
37 meetings may be called by the chairperson or by a majority of the commission.

38 Section 2. That original section 86-27 of The Code of the City of Topeka is  
39 hereby specifically repealed.

40 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
41 passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

42 PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council June 3, 2008.

43 CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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49 William W. Bunten, Mayor

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54 Brenda Younger, City Clerk