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**ORDINANCE NO. 19849**

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Councilmember Chad Manspeaker, amending City of Topeka Code § 2.55.040 and specifically repealing said original section, concerning the duties and responsibilities of the Human Relations Commission.

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

Section 1. That section 2.55.040, Duties and responsibilities, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Duties and responsibilities.**

The commission will:

(a) Support efforts to eliminate prejudice because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, disability, national origin or ancestry, ~~or age,~~ sexual orientation or gender identity and further goodwill among all people of the city and promote goodwill, cooperation and conciliation within the city;

(b) Promote and facilitate Town Hall meetings and public forums on issues of interest and concern to residents of Topeka;

(c) Participate in outreach activities and public education;

(d) Partner with groups that share similar goals;

(e) By February 1st of each year, prepare and submit an annual report to the city and the city council of the commission's activities, identifying issues and problem areas within the Topeka community and, after reviewing the performance of the commission during the year, propose any modifications to this chapter and Chapters 2.80, 2.135 and 9.20 TMC that would improve the effectiveness of the commission and better fulfill the antidiscrimination policies of the city.

Section 2. That original § 2.55.040 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas,  
is hereby specifically repealed.

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

Section 4. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council on September 17, 2013.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Larry E. Wolgast, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk