



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. 240261

Sponsor: Mayor Quinton Lucas

Amending Chapter 2, Article VI, Code of Ordinances, by repealing Division 5 “Silver Haired City Council” in its entirety and replacing it with a new Division 5 of like subject matter for the sole purpose of changing “Silver Haired City Council” to “Senior Citizens’ Advisory Council.”

WHEREAS, the body now known as the “Silver Haired City Council” plays an important role on behalf of the City of Kansas City’s senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance seeks to respectfully recognize and empower that important role; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance amends the current Code of Ordinances to change the name “Silver Haired City Council” to “Senior Citizens’ Advisory Council”; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 5, Code of Ordinances, “Silver Haired City Council,” is hereby amended by repealing Division 5 in its entirety and replacing it with sections of like subject matter for the sole purpose of changing “Silver Haired City Council” to “Senior Citizens’ Advisory Council,” to read as follows:

**DIVISION 5. SENIOR CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Sec. 2-821. Establishment; purpose.**

There shall be a Senior Citizens’ Advisory Council to function as an advisory body to the city council on affairs concerning senior citizens of the city.

**Sec. 2-822. General powers and duties.**

The Senior Citizens’ Advisory Council shall have the powers and duties as provided in this division.

**Sec. 2-823. Advisory functions.**

It is the declared policy of the city council that the Senior Citizens’ Advisory Council shall be the principal advisory body of the city on matters of concern to the senior citizens of this city. The Senior Citizens’ Advisory Council shall render advice and recommendations in areas including but not limited to health care, the business community, emergency and disaster services, nutrition, economic security, housing and utilities, crime and abuse, transportation, community involvement, and recreational, social and educational programs.

**Sec. 2-824. Membership; qualifications of members; term.**

- (a) The Senior Citizens' Advisory Council shall consist of 12 members appointed by the Mayor. Two members shall be appointed who reside in each of the six council districts. Six members shall constitute a quorum.
- (b) Each member must be sixty years of age or older and a registered voter in the district from which he or she was appointed, must have been a resident of this city for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the date of appointment, and must not be delinquent in payment of applicable city and county taxes.
- (c) Each member shall be appointed for a four-year term, with each term to begin on May 1. A member may be appointed for the remaining term of any vacant position. The terms shall be staggered; one member from each council district shall be appointed to a term beginning May 1 of the year of the city council election, and the other member of each district shall be appointed to a term beginning May 1 of the year that is two years after the city council election.

**Sec. 2-825. Meetings.**

The Senior Citizens' Advisory Council shall meet monthly or upon call of the chairperson or a majority of the membership. Meetings upon call shall be initiated by notice to the city clerk.

**Sec. 2-826. Chairperson; committees.**

- (a) The Senior Citizens' Advisory Council shall elect from its membership a chairperson at the first meeting after May 1 each year. The chairperson shall preside over the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council sessions. In the event of the absence of the chairperson, the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council shall select an acting (a) chairperson to preside over a particular meeting.
- (b) The Senior Citizens' Advisory Council, by resolution, may establish committees. The chairperson shall appoint the members and chairpersons of these committees.

**Sec. 2-827. Finances.**

The city clerk is hereby designated as the requisitioning authority for the funds of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council. The director of finance is the custodian of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council fund. The Senior Citizens' Advisory Council may request approval of an annual budget for administrative expense to be submitted to the council by the city clerk and to be included as a separate budgetary account in the city clerk's annual budget request.

**Sec. 2-828. Staff.**

The office of the city clerk shall provide clerical and administrative services for the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council.

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Approved as to form:

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