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AN ORDINANCE BY

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 94-37, CHAPTER 94 OF ARTICLE II, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE STAGGERED TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in the City of Atlanta, with its great cosmopolitan population consisting of large numbers of people of every race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, parental status, physical and mental disabilities; there is no greater danger to the health, morals, safety and welfare of the city and its inhabitants than the existence of groups prejudiced against one another and antagonistic to each other because of their differences; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council found and declared that prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination and disorder occasioned thereby threaten the rights and proper privileges of its inhabitants and menace the very institutions, foundations and bedrock of a free democratic society; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 00-O-1983, adopted by the City Council on December 4, 2000, defined the role of the City's Human Relations Commission so as to provide for an effective vehicle for addressing illegal discrimination in public accommodations, private employment and housing in the City and delineated an intricate appointment process; and

WHEREAS, due to several years of inactivity by the Human Relations Commission, the appointments could not occur in the established sequence. Therefore it became necessary to eliminate the staggered term and simplify the appointment process.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 94-37 which presently reads as follows:

Sec. 94-37. - Composition; appointment; terms.

The human relations commission shall consist of seven members, divided into three classes— Class A, Class B, and Class C. Class A shall contain three members, and Class B and Class C shall each contain two members. After the phase-in period, members shall hold office for a three-year term staggered so that the membership terms of only one class of members shall expire each year. The initial members shall be appointed and designated to a class by the president of the council no later than January 1, 2001. The term of office of the initial Class A members shall expire on January 1, 2002, the term of office of the initial Class B members shall expire on January 1, 2003; and the term of office of the initial Class C members shall expire on January 1,

2004. After January 1, 2002, at the expiration of the terms of the initial Class A members, one Class A member shall be appointed by the president of council, one shall be appointed by the Mayor and one shall be appointed by the at-large councilmember in Post 1 in coordination with the councilmembers for Districts 1 through 4. At the expiration of the terms of the initial two Class B members, one Class B member shall be appointed by the mayor and one shall be appointed by the at-large councilmember in Post 2 in coordination with the councilmembers for Districts 5 through 8. At the expiration of the terms of the initial two Class C members, one Class C member shall be appointed by the president of council and one shall be appointed by the at-large councilmember in Post 3 in coordination with the councilmembers for Districts 9 through 12. At least one of the commission members appointed by the president of the council shall possess, in addition to the general qualifications set out in the Charter regarding members of the commission, a license to practice law in the State of Georgia and shall be an active member of and in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia. No person shall be appointed for more than two consecutive three-year terms. The membership of the commission shall reflect as nearly as practicable, the diversity of individuals protected under this ordinance and shall be comprised without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, domestic relationship status, parental status, familial status, sexual orientation, national origin, or gender identity.

Shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 94-37. - Composition; appointment; terms.

The membership of the commission shall reflect as nearly as practicable, the diversity of individuals protected under this ordinance and shall be comprised without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, domestic relationship status, parental status, familial status, sexual orientation, national origin, or gender identity.

The Human Relations Commission shall consist of seven members appointed as follows:

- Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Mayor;
- Two (2) members shall be appointed by the President of Council and at least one of the two shall possess, in addition to the general qualifications set out in the Charter regarding members of the Commission, a license to practice law in the State of Georgia and shall be an active member of and in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia.
- Three (3) members shall be appointed by the following City Council Member groupings:
 - One (1) member shall be appointed by the Post 1 At-large Council Member in coordination with the Council Members for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - One (1) member shall be appointed by the Post 2 At-large Council Member in coordination with the Council Members for Districts 5, 6, 7, and 8.
 - One (1) member shall be appointed by the Post 3 At-large Council Member in coordination with the Council Members for Districts 9, 10, 11 and 12.

No person shall be appointed for more than two consecutive three-year terms.

Section 2 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded to the extent of any such conflict.