

ORDINANCE NO. 3607

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain sections 12-11-1 (CREATION OF COMMISSION), 12-11-2 (COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENTS; CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS), 12-11-4 (FUNCTIONS) and 12-11-5 (STAFF ASSISTANCE), all of Chapter 11 (ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON DISABLED PERSONS), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

WHEREAS, the 1992 General Assembly added to Title 51.5 of the Virginia Code a new Chapter 10 comprised of sections 51.5-47 through 51.5-52 relating to the establishment of local disability services boards; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code section 51.5-47 requires local governing bodies to create a permanent disability services board for their jurisdiction, and authorizes the designation of an existing board or commission to be the required board; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria City Council has determined that the Alexandria Commission for Disabled Persons, as constituted by Ordinance Number 3534, adopted on September 14, 1991, and reconstituted by this ordinance shall be renamed the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities and shall serve as the city's disability services board; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That section 12-11-1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12-11-1 Creation of commission.

There is hereby established a commission to be known as the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities, hereafter referred to in this chapter as the commission. This commission is hereby designated the local disabilities services board of the city, in accordance with section 51.5-47 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Section 2. That subsection (2) of section 12-11-2(a) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

(2) Members appointed by city council. The voting members of the commission appointed by city council shall be: one representative of the Alexandria Commission on Aging; two representatives of the business community, one from the Alexandria chamber of commerce and one at large; and 14 citizen members. A majority of the citizen members shall be persons with physical, visual or hearing disabilities.

Section 3. That section 12-11-4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by amending subsection (f) and (g) and by adding a new subsection (h), to read as follows:

(f) to assist the city in identifying and obtaining outside funds for carrying out programs and projects developed or approved by the commission;

(g) to review and make recommendations to the mayor, city council and city manager on programs, policies and services that might remove barriers faced by persons with disabilities in housing, transportation, building access, public accommodations, employment, health, social services, credit and education; and

(h) to perform as the local disability services board, the duties set out in section 51.5-48 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Section 4. That section 12-11-5 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12-11-5 Staff assistance.

Under section 51.5-47 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Virginia department of rehabilitative services is to provide staff support to the commission. The director of human services shall be responsible for providing supplemental staff support to the commission to keep the commission's minutes, files and reports and to assist the commission in the exercise of its functions, and shall coordinate such support with that provided by the state under section 51.5-47 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Section 5. That sections 12-11-1, 12-11-2, 12-11-4 and 12-11-5 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended, as said sections are amended by this ordinance, be, and the same hereby are, reordained as part of The Code of the City of Alexandria.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

PATRICIA S. TICER  
Mayor

Final Passage: December 12, 1992