

1 **Reducing the Human Relations Commission Membership**

2 For the purpose of reducing the membership of the Human Relations Commission from fifteen to
3 nine members; providing for a transition period during which existing members serve out their
4 terms; and generally relating to the composition of the Human Relations Commission.

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7 **City Council of the**
8 **City of Annapolis**

9 **Ordinance 10-26**

10 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Diesha Contee**

11 **Co-sponsored by:**

12 **Referred to:** Rules and City Government Committee

13 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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16 fifteen to nine members; providing for a transition period during which existing members
17 serve out their terms; and generally relating to the composition of the Human Relations
18 Commission.

19 **BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City
20 of Annapolis, 2026 Edition: **Section 2.48.140**

21 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
22 **COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

23 **City Code Title 2 - ADMINISTRATION**
24 **Chapter 2.48 - Boards, Commissions and Committees**
25 **Article V - Human Relations Commission**

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27 **Section 2.48.140 Composition.**

28 ~~A Human Relations Commission, consisting of fifteen residents of the City, who have~~
29 ~~demonstrated an interest and have acquired experience in matters relating to human relations~~
30 ~~concerns in the City, shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority of the~~
31 ~~City Council. Each member of the Commission shall serve for a term of three years, or until~~
32 ~~a successor is appointed and qualifies, commencing on July 1st in the year in which~~

Explanation Note: ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.
Underlining & black means copyediting or reformatting of the existing Code section
Underlining & red means new matter added to the code.

1 ~~appointed. The City Council shall designate the initial terms of the members of the~~
2 ~~Commission so that the terms of not more than five members expire in any one year.~~

3 A Human Relations Commission, consisting of **nine** residents of the City, who have
4 demonstrated an interest and have acquired experience in matters relating to human relations
5 concerns in the City, shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority of the
6 City Council.

7 1. Each member of the Commission shall serve a three-year term, or until a
8 successor is appointed and qualified, beginning on July 1 of the year of
9 appointment.

10 2. The City Council shall stagger the terms of its members so that no more than
11 three members' terms expire in any given year.

12 3. A meeting quorum of the Human Relations Commission shall be a majority of
13 actual seated members.

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15 **SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
16 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

- 17 1. The nine-member limit shall take effect when the number of members of the
18 Human Relations Commission has been reduced to nine;
- 19 2. The Mayor shall not appoint new members to the Human Relations Commission
20 except to fill a vacancy when the total number of seated members falls below
21 nine; and
- 22 3. The Mayor may encourage members to voluntarily end their terms early or take
23 other such voluntary steps as needed to reduce the number of commission
24 members.
- 25 4. Until the Commission has been reduced to nine members, the quorum provision
26 of § 2.48.140.3 shall apply based on the total number of members then seated on
27 the Commission.

28 **SECTION III: AND BE IT FINALLY ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
29 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.