

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Philadelphia has a deep concern with the problems and needs of the disabled, including the need to utilize their skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to promote the equal rights of the disabled of the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for greater cooperation, communication, and coordination of services on a City wide basis;

NOW THEREFORE, by the virtue of authority vested in me by Section 3-100 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, I do hereby create and establish the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

SECTION 1. Purposes

1. The purposes of the Commission are
 - (a) To advise the Mayor with respect to existing and proposed programs, services, and projects and all other matters relating to the problems of Disabled people.
 - (b) To aid in the development of programs for services to disabled people, in cooperation with the public and private sectors.
 - (c) To insure the rights and privileges of full citizenship of people with disabilities by promoting compliance with legislation and policies pertaining to civil rights.
 - (d) To assist people with disabilities through referral, information and direct service.

SECTION 2. Organization and Membership

1. The Commission shall be composed of no less than 15 members appointed by the Mayor, who shall be representative of the diverse composition of the population of the City and who shall share a commitment to the goals of the Commission.
2. All appointments and terms shall be at the pleasure of the Mayor.

3. The members of the Commission shall serve without salary. The members shall select a Chairperson and a Secretary.
4. The Mayor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Commission who shall serve at his pleasure, be responsible directly to the Mayor, and act as spokesperson for the Commission.
5. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and internal organization. Such rules shall become effective only after approval by the Administrative Board. All rules shall be consistent with the provisions of this Executive Order.
6. The Commission shall convene regularly at such times and places it may by rule designate. It shall convene no less than six times per year.

SECTION 3. Duties

1. The Commission shall be responsible for advising the Mayor on initiation, development and implementation of policies and programs throughout City government to achieve the purposes and goals of this Executive Order.
2. The Executive Director with assistance of the members of the Commission shall provide the Mayor with periodic reports summarizing its work.

SECTION 4. Other Provisions

1. All employees, officials, departments and agencies in the Executive-Administrative branch of the government of the City of Philadelphia are hereby directed to cooperate with the Commission to the fullest extent possible consistent with the Home Rule Charter of the City of Philadelphia.
2. The Commission shall operate consistent with all applicable laws including those of the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia.
3. This order shall be effective immediately.



W. WILSON GOCDE, MAYOR

DATED: _____

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