

AN ORDINANCE No. 87-244-220

ADOPTED OCT 26 1987

To amend the Code of the City of Richmond, 1985, by adding in Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions, Committees and Other Agencies, a new division numbered Division 9, consisting of sections 2-251 and 2-252, concerning the Mayor's Commission for the Disabled and its duties.

Patron - Mayor West

Approved as to form and legality
by City Attorney

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Code of the City of Richmond, 1985, is hereby amended by adding in Chapter 2, Article V, a new division numbered Division 9, consisting of Sections 2-251 and 2-252, as follows:

DIVISION 9. MAYOR'S COMMISSION FOR THE DISABLED

Sec. 2-251. Created; composition; appointment and terms of office; organization; quorum.

There shall be a mayor's commission for the disabled consisting of twenty-two(22) members. The members shall be nominated for membership by the mayor and shall be appointed by council for terms of three (3) years. The members shall elect a chairman of the commission and a vice chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer. The commission shall meet at least quarterly and one-half of the members appointed

and serving at any one time plus one additional member shall constitute a quorum. The members shall serve without compensation. The commission may adopt rules of procedure for conducting its affairs. Persons currently serving as member of the mayor's committee on the needs of disabled persons shall continue in office for the remainder of the terms for which appointed and shall be eligible for re-appointment at the expiration of such terms.

Sec. 2-252. Responsibilities and duties generally.

(a) The commission is authorized and instructed to work in cooperation with the President's committee on employment of the handicapped, the national organization on disability and related federal, state and local organizations for the purpose of advising and informing the public and private sectors of the city and environs of the problems facing people with disabilities in matters of employment, housing, transportation, recreation and the use of facilities that are open to the public; the commission is urged to work with architects, building contractors and other persons involved with the design and construction of buildings in efforts to design barrier-free facilities which will be readily accessible to people with disabilities; and to strive for improvement in the quality of life style of people with disabilities in the city.

(b) In giving consideration to the problems facing people with disabilities, the commission shall be guided by the definition of "handicapped/disabled" as defined in the Social Security Act of 1973, as amended; U.S. Public Law 93-112; handicapped/disabled shall, by way of illustration, mean any condition or characteristic that renders a person who (1) has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities, (2) has a record of such an impairment, or (3) is regarded as having such an impairment.

(d) The commission shall:

- (1) Evaluate the resources, services and programs that are designed to serve the city's disabled;
- (2) Determine policy and program direction for staff in the office on disabled;
- (3) Establish priorities of services and programs for the city's disabled population;
- (4) Develop and advocate the implementation of programs and services to the disabled as authorized by the city council;
- (5) Serve as an advocate for the city's disabled population;
- (6) Provide leadership in comprehensive policy

planning and initiatives with regard to public law and ordinances; and

- (7) Be responsible for the operation of programs as specifically authorized or directed by the city council, including such programs as may be financed in whole or in part by the city council applying for and receiving grants of funds for carrying out a particular program or accomplishing a particular goal.

§ 2. That Resolution No. 83-R7-11, adopted January 23, 1983, as follows, be and is hereby repealed.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION SUMMARY

CITY OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Resolution Ordinance No. <u>87-244</u>	Subject Establish Mayor's Commission for the Disabled and repeal Resolution No. 83-R7-11
Patron(s) <u>Mayor West</u>	

SUMMARY

The Ordinance would amend the Code of Richmond to add a new division (Division 9) consisting of Section 2-251 and 2-252 establishing the MAYOR'S COMMISSION FOR THE DISABLED

Composition and terms:

1. 22 members recommended by the Mayor, appointed by Council for three (3) years;
2. Members to elect Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer;
3. Meet quarterly - quorum shall be at least 1/2 of members plus one.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Evaluate resources
2. Determine policy
3. Establish priorities
4. Advocate implementation of services
5. Serve as an Advocate
6. Provide leadership
7. Responsible for operations of program

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

COUNCIL ACTION

- On Docket 10/26/87
- Amended _____
- Adopted _____
- Rejected _____
- Stricken _____