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ORDINANCE 07-21

TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL" (INSERTING CHAPTER 2.23.080 ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AND LATINO AFFAIRS)

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Indiana State Legislature established the Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (I.C. 4-23-28-1), and this 20-member commission identifies and researches issues affecting Hispanic/Latino communities and promotes cooperation and understanding between Hispanic/Latino communities and other communities throughout the State; and,

WHEREAS, in the 2007/2008 Strategic Plan of the Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs ("ICHLA"), the ICHLA noted its vision was to "work to enable all Indiana Hispanics/Latinos with the opportunity to contribute to the social, cultural and economic development of the State"; and,

WHEREAS, according to the 2004 U.S. Census data, the Hispanic/Latino population in Indiana was estimated at 269,267 or 4.3% of Indiana's total population; and,

WHEREAS, while the Hispanic/Latino population contributes to Indiana's workforce, culture, diversity and quality of life, opportunities exist to improve social, cultural and economic challenges faced by Hispanic/Latino communities; and,

WHEREAS, local commissions are instrumental in encouraging the development of programs at the local level that focus on long-range solutions to the issues facing Hispanic/Latino residents and in bridging the cultural gaps between Hispanics/Latinos and non-Hispanics/Latinos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.23 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Community and Family Resources Department" shall be amended by inserting section 2.23.080, which shall be entitled "Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs" and which shall read as follows:

2.23.080 Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs – Establishment.

There is created in the Community and Family Resources Department the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs:

(1) Members. The Commission shall be composed of seven members.

(2) Appointments. Four members shall be appointed by the Mayor and three by the Common Council.

(3) Qualifications. Commission members shall be residents of Monroe County who represent organizations serving Bloomington's Hispanic/Latino residents or who have expertise and/or interest in quality of life issues as they relate to the Hispanic/Latino community.

(4) Terms. The initial terms of one mayoral and one Council appointment shall expire on January 31, 2008. The terms of the remaining initial appointments shall be for two years and shall expire on January 31, 2009. Thereafter, all terms shall be for two years and shall expire on January 31.

(5) Purpose and duties. The Commission shall do the following:

(a) Develop action committees addressing the challenges of members of the Hispanic and Latino population in the areas of education, health, employment and public safety; and

(b) Serve as a catalyst to promote positive public and private remedies to the multi-faceted issues confronting Latinos and Hispanics in our community and the resulting effects on the entire community; and

(c) Network with like-minded groups such as the Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Su Casa Columbus, Indiana University Latino Cultural Center (La Casa) and local organizations to share ideas and information and to collaborate on projects where appropriate; and

(d) Celebrate Latino and Hispanic history and contributions to the Bloomington community and in the United States.

(6) Reporting requirement. The Commission shall submit identical written reports to the Mayor and the Common Council Office by the end of February of each year describing the activities of the Commission in the previous calendar year as well as future plans. Any issues or concerns regarding the Commission itself, its organizations or its purpose shall also be addressed in this report.

SECTION 2. If any section(s), sentence(s) or provision(s) of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other section(s), sentence(s), provision(s), or application(s) of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2007.

DAVE ROLLO, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 20th day of SEPTEMBER, 2007.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 21st day of September, 2007.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance creates a Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs. The Commission will work to alleviate the problems Hispanics and Latinos experience in education, health, employment and public safety.

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