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ORDINANCE 12-06

TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL"
Re: Changing the Name and Focus of Section 2.23.050 from the "Community and Family Resources Commission" to the "Commission on the Status of Children and Youth"

WHEREAS, The Bloomington Common Council created what is now called the Community and Family Resources Commission in 1983;

WHEREAS, Over time, the mission and focus of the group has changed with the changing needs of the community;

WHEREAS, The City recognizes a pressing and growing need to focus on issues relevant to children and youth;

WHEREAS, The City wishes to respond to this need by shifting the name and focus of the existing Community and Family Resources Commission to the Commission on the Status of Children and Youth; and

WHEREAS, Current members of the Community and Family Resources Commission may serve out their terms on the Commission on the State of Children and Youth.

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

SECTION I. Section 2.23.050 of the Bloomington Municipal Code shall be deleted and replaced with the following. The Table of Contents shall reflect the new title of this section.

2.23.050 – Commission on the Status of Children and Youth
There is created within the City of Bloomington's Community and Family Resources Department a Commission on the Status of Children and Youth. The purpose of the Commission shall be to promote connections in our community which empower, enhance and nurture children and youth. The Commission will access resources and information to make recommendations to people and organizations with authority to create and support systems that encourage healthy development of children and youth.

(1) Aims and goals.
- (a) Identify and assess needs, resources and services relating to children and youth;
- (b) Encourage collaboration between local agencies, schools, businesses and individuals;
- (c) Monitor legislative developments relating to children and youth;
- (d) Encourage local, State and federal legislation that will improve the lives of children and youth;
- (e) Empower children and youth to have a stronger voice in our community;
- (f) Empower children and youth to reach their full potential;
- (g) Report assessments and make recommendations; and
- (h) Celebrate successes.

(2) Appointments. The Commission shall consist of nine members, five to be appointed by the Mayor and four by the Common Council.

(3) Qualifications. To the extent possible, members of the Commission should include representatives of agencies that work with children and youth, low-income people and social service providers. To the extent possible, preference will be given to people with experience working with children and youth advocacy groups, direct knowledge of children and youth needs and community resources, and/or knowledge of legislative and policy-making processes.

(4) Procedure. The Commission may adopt and amend rules and regulations to effectuate the purpose of this section and may create procedures deemed necessary for the orderly and equitable compliance with this section. New rules, regulations and guidelines may be adopted by the Commission after a public hearing by a majority of the Commission. The rules and regulations of the commission will be available to the public at the office of the Commission and on the City's website.

(5) Powers and Duties.

(a) The Commission shall make two appointments to the City's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for Community Development Block Grants. One of the Commission appointments shall serve on the CAC Social Service Subcommittee and one shall serve on the CAC Physical Improvement Subcommittee;

(b) To gather and distribute information and to issue such publications and educational information as in its judgment will further the purposes and intent of this section;

(c) To apply for any appropriate grants, appropriations or gifts upon approval of the Community and Family Resources Department director in order to carry out the purposes of this section;

(d) To cooperate with any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency of the government to carry out the purposes of this section.

(e) To refer people to appropriate governmental units or private organizations as necessary, and

(f) To report in writing on its activities to the Common Council and the Mayor annually.

(6) Educational programs. The Commission may prepare educational programs to advance and promote the cause of children and youth among various entities and individuals in the City and to further goodwill and cooperation between and among such interested parties.

SECTION II. If any section, sentence or provision 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 sections, sentences, provisions, or applications 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 III. 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 4th day of APRIL, 2012.

TIMOTHY MAYER, 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 5th day of APRIL, 2012.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 9TH day of APRIL, 2012.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends Section 2.23.050 of the Bloomington Municipal Code by changing the name and focus of the "Community and Family Resource Commission" to a youth-oriented commission named the "Commission on the Status of Children and Youth."