

ORDINANCE NO. 73-81

An Ordinance Establishing a City of Bloomington
Commission on the Status of Women

WHEREAS it is the goal and policy of the City of Bloomington to advance the general welfare and economy of the community; and

WHEREAS growth and development of the community require that all citizens enjoy equal opportunity to develop their contributions to the economic, social, political and cultural progress of the City; and

WHEREAS in the nation, in the state and in the community there is growing awareness and documentation that women play a vital role in the economic, social, political, and cultural progress of their communities and country; and

WHEREAS there is in the nation, state, and community a growing awareness that obstacles existing against women impede the full utilization of human resources of the community and country; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the City of Bloomington to promote full utilization of human resources, and

WHEREAS on October 18, 1973, the Common Council, with the passage of Resolution No. 73-62, endorsed the formation of a task force on women, with the basic realization that the enhancement of the status of women will be an enhancement of the entire City of Bloomington community, and

WHEREAS on October 22, 1973, the Mayor of the City of Bloomington did approve Resolution No. 73-62,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, that there is hereby established a City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Commission is to assure that women and men have full opportunity to function at their optimum as citizens of the City of Bloomington as equal

participants in the economy, in politics and government, in education, in social development, in the system of justice, and in all other facets of life.

Section 2. Membership - Terms.

1) The City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women shall be composed of twelve (12) members representative of the diverse educational, employment, economic, business and community service elements of the community. Five (5) members shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Bloomington within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Ordinance and seven (7) members shall be appointed by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Ordinance. All appointments to the Commission shall be made in accordance with the criteria set out below.

2) Of the first five (5) members appointed by the Mayor, two (2) shall be appointed for one (1) year, two (2) for two (2) years, and one (1) for three (3) years; thereafter, each appointment to the Commission shall be for a term of three (3) years. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, her or his successor shall be appointed by the Mayor within thirty (30) days from the date of such vacancy, to serve for the unexpired period for which such member had been appointed.

3) Of the first seven (7) members appointed by the Common Council, two (2) shall be appointed for one (1) year, two (2) for two (2) years, and three (3) for three (3) years; thereafter, each appointment to the Commission shall be for a term of three (3) years. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, her or his successor shall be appointed by the Common Council within thirty (30) days from the date of such vacancy to serve for the unexpired period for which such member had been appointed.

4) In order that the concerns of the total community be adequately represented on the Commission, Commission membership shall include both women and men.

5) The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but they may be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

Section 3. Aims and Goals. It shall be the aims and goals of the Commission:

- 1) To identify the needs of women in the City of Bloomington,
- 2) To determine the types and kinds of educational and employment possibilities in the City of Bloomington,
- 3) To determine existing skills and talents of women in the City of Bloomington,
- 4) To identify and fill the gaps in existing services according to the prevailing needs,
- 5) To educate the entire community as to the aims and goals of this Commission,
- 6) To establish and maintain a close working relationship with, and to support the efforts of, the Bloomington Human Rights Commission and other local organizations whose programs relate to the needs, problems, and opportunities of women,
- 7) To maintain close liaison with the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women as well as with other women's commissions throughout the State of Indiana,
- 8) To maintain close liaison with federal efforts in women-related programs to insure appropriate City participation in such programs and to consolidate these federal programs for maximum efficient uses of federal efforts at the local level,
- 9) To enter into contracts and accept grants for the administration of experimental, demonstration, pilot, and research projects, as may contribute to the strengthening and refinement of the co-ordinated program. Such contracts and grants shall be executed and accepted by the Mayor upon approval by the Common Council and at the recommendation of this Commission,
- 10) To assure a co-ordinated City-wide effort in achieving a comprehensive women's program to improve opportunities for women of the community, and
- 11) To stimulate and encourage legislation for the development of human resources in the City of Bloomington and the State of Indiana.

Section 4. Powers and Authority. The Commission shall have the power and authority to carry out the aims and goals as defined in this ordinance, including but not limited to, the following:

- 1) To establish and maintain a permanent office in the City of Bloomington, when the Common Council has appropriated funds for such an office,
- 2) To employ an Executive Director and other such administrative, professional, expert, technical, and other personnel as may be necessary for the implementation of the provisions on this Ordinance,
- 3) To hold hearings and undertake any other activities which may be necessary, desirable, or proper to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance,
- 4) To gather and distribute information and to issue such publications and educational information and the results of such investigations and research as in its judgement will further the purposes and intent of this Ordinance,
- 5) To report in writing on its activities to the Common Council and the Mayor of the City of Bloomington bi-annually, no later than February 1 and August 1 of each year,
- 6) To apply for any federal, state, local or private grants, appropriations or gifts in order to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance,
- 7) To cooperate with, and secure the cooperation of, any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency of the state, federal and local government to facilitate properly the execution of the powers and duties of this Commission,
- 8) To enter into a working relationship with the City of Bloomington Human Rights Commission to perpetuate the mutual objectives set forth in this Ordinance and the Bloomington Human Rights Commission Ordinance,
- 9) To propose other ordinances in order to carry out this Ordinance and to propose additions or amendments to this Ordinance as deemed necessary and appropriate to insure the effectiveness of this Ordinance, and

10) To refer persons to the appropriate governmental unit or private organizations which can adequately deal with their problem.

Section 5. Education Program. The Commission may prepare educational programs in order to support and emphasize the purpose and intent of this Ordinance among the various groups and individuals in the City and to further goodwill among such groups and individuals; to publicize and encourage participation in this and other boards and commissions.

Section 6. Rules and Regulations.

1) The Commission may adopt rules and regulations, both procedural and substantive, to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance and to make more specific the procedures deemed necessary for orderly and equitable compliance with this Ordinance.

2) New rules, regulations, and guidelines may be adopted by the Commission after a public hearing by a majority vote of the Commission.

3) The rules, regulations, and guidelines of the Commission shall be available to the public at the office of the Commission.

Section 7. Intra-governmental Cooperation. All boards, commissions and departments of the Government of the City of Bloomington are hereby directed to give full cooperation to the City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women.

Section 8. Construction of the Act and the Rules and Regulations.

This Ordinance and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this Ordinance shall be liberally construed to accomplish the purpose of this Ordinance and the policies of the Commission.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, promulgation, and publication in accordance with the law.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington on the 17th day of January, 1974.

James S. Ackerman
James S. Ackerman, Council President

ATTEST:

Grace E. Johnson
Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

This Ordinance presented by me to the Mayor of the City of
Bloomington, on the 18th day of January, 1974, at the
hour of 4:35 o'clock p.m..

Grace E. Johnson
Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

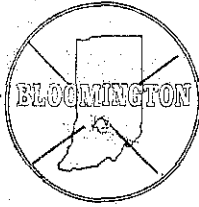
This Ordinance approved and signed by me upon the _____
day of _____, 1974, at the hour of _____ o'clock ____ .m..

Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace E. Johnson
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This Ordinance 73-81 was vetoed by the
Mayor. It was then reconsidered by the
Common Council and passed by a vote of
AYES: 7, NAYS: 2. (NAYS: Morrison, Behen)
Mayor's veto message is attached.
2-7-74 Council overrided Mayor's veto.



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January 28, 1974

VETO MESSAGE BY MAYOR FRANK McCLOSKEY
ON AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Pursuant to Indiana Code 1971, 18-1-6-2, this statement constitutes a veto of Ordinance 73-81, an ordinance creating a Commission on the Status of Women.

This ordinance brings to our immediate attention a concern that I share with many of those citizens who support it. Problems exist within the areas of education, manpower, and employment that are legitimately pressing us for solution.

However, this commission has been developed without adequate concern for coordination among existing programs in the human resources area. There seems to be a feeling that where a social need is identified, a commission should be established to address that need. I do not share that view.

We must utilize more fully the administrative framework and resources already available to us. I point specifically to the Human Rights Commission and its full-time staff attorney.

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The non-legal aspects of equal opportunity, which are fundamentally human resources concerns, could be assigned for study to a subcommittee of the Commission's membership.

There is insufficient justification for an additional financial commitment from the City in this area.

