

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
AND PROVIDING FOR ITS DUTIES
AND FUNCTIONS

40601-6-6-30

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois :

ARTICLE IX.

Section 9-41. CREATION OF COMMISSION.

A Human Relations Commission for the Village of Skokie is hereby created.

Section 9-42. SHORT TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the Human Relations Commission Ordinance of 1961.

Section 9-43. Purposes.

The purposes for which this Commission is created are:

(A) To encourage understanding and respect between residents of Skokie of various racial, religious and nationality backgrounds.

(B) To safeguard the rights of all citizens as defined by our Ordinances, Statutes and Constitution.

Section 9-44. COMPOSITION.

(A) The Commission shall be composed of sixteen (16) members who shall reflect, so far as possible, the various ethnic groups in the Village, and whose training, interest, background or experience will aid the Commission in its work.

(B) The Village President, the Village Manager, the Corporation Counsel, and the Chief of Police shall serve the Commission as members ex-officio.

Section 9-45. APPOINTMENT AND TERM.

(A) The Village President with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees shall appoint all members of the Commission.

(B) The term of office of each member shall be for three (3) years and until his successor shall be appointed and shall qualify. Providing, however, that the term of office of the first appointments made hereunder shall be as follows:

Five (5) members for a term to expire
April 30, 1962.

Five (5) members for a term to expire
April 30, 1963

Six (6) members for a term to expire
April 30, 1964

(C) All members shall be residents of the Village of Skokie at the time of appointment.

Section 9-46. CHAIRMAN AND OTHER OFFICERS.

(A) The Village President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees shall appoint a Chairman of the Commission from its members, who shall serve a term of one (1) year and until his successor shall be appointed and shall take office.

(B) The Commission may elect from its members a Secretary and such other officers as to it may seem advisable.

Section 9-47. RE-APPOINTMENTS.

Nothing herein contained shall preclude the re-appointment of any member or chairman of the Commission.

Section 9-48. MEETINGS, QUORUM, RULES OF PROCEDURE.

(A) The Commission shall regularly meet once each month on a day and time designated by it, and may further meet at such other times as it may designate, and shall keep minutes of its meetings which shall be available to the President and Board of Trustees.

(B) The facilities of the Municipal Building shall be available to the Commission for all meetings.

(C) Eight (8) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(D) The Commission may adopt Rules of Order and procedure for the conduct of its business.

(E) The Village President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, is authorized to fill any vacancy which may arise for its unexpired term.

Section 9-49. ANNUAL REPORT.

The Commission, through its Chairman or other designated member, shall report in writing to the President and Board of Trustees. Said report shall cover the activities of the Commission for the preceding calendar year and shall be made to the President and Board of Trustees at a regular meeting of said Board held in the month of February.

Section 9-50. COMPENSATION - EXPENSES.

The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. Expenses for the operation and conduct of the affairs of the Commission shall be paid from funds provided for that purpose in the annual appropriation and budget of the Village.

Section 9-51. FUNCTIONS.

The functions of the Commission shall be:

- (1) To consult and co-operate with other public agencies in furthering the purposes of the Commission as set forth in Section 9-43.
- (2) To pursue a community-wide program of education to encourage inter-group understanding.
- (3) To inquire into human relations matters referred to it by the citizens or village authorities.
- (4) To seek voluntary compliance with Ordinances and Statutes relating to civil rights.
- (5) To enlist the aid of schools, religious institutions, service organizations and civic groups to promote understanding and good will among the people of the community.

Section 9-52. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL.

(A) All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

(B) This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June, 1961.

(s) William Siegel
Village Clerk

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Absent 0

Approved by me this 13th day
of June, 1961.

Myron Greisdorf
President, Village of Skokie

Attested and filed in my
office this 13th day
of June 1961.

(s) William Siegel
Village Clerk