

ORDINANCE NO. 24-

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION, CREATING SECTION 2-3-12-377, DIVISION 2-3-12, OF ARTICLE 2-3, CHAPTER 2, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, RELATING TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES BY ADDING LANGUAGE TO ALLOW FOR PARTICIPATING ALTERNATE MEMBERS FOR THE RACE RELATIONS COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA THAT;

Section 1. Section 2-3-12-377 is hereby created to read as follows:

2-3-12-377 Participating Alternate Members.

A. Three (3) “at large” Participating Alternate Members (non-Council) shall be nominated to serve by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Alternate Members shall attend all meetings, and if it appears that the Commission will not have enough members to achieve a quorum, the Chairperson may call on one, two, or all three Alternate Members to achieve a quorum and fill in for the missing members for that meeting.

B. When called on to fill in for an absent Regular Member, Participating Alternate Members will have all the same duties and powers as Regular Members, including participation in discussion and voting. Alternate members will be subject to all Commission by-laws, rules, and governing City Code sections.

C. Alternate Members should be called on by the Chairperson to fill in for a missing Regular Member in order, beginning with the senior Alternate Member, without an Alternate Member serving again until all Alternate Members have served at a meeting. Once all Alternate Members have served at a meeting the order will reset.

D. Alternate Members shall be residents of the City of Lawton and must reside within the corporate limits of the City of Lawton. Alternate Members shall abide by the terms of this Section as well as any By-laws or other rules adopted by the Commission.

E. Alternate Members shall serve their terms as follows: Alternate One shall serve a one (1) year term, Alternate Two shall serve a two (2) year term, and Alternate Three shall serve a three (3) year term. Alternate Members shall be replaced either at the scheduled end of their term or, if an Alternate Member is appointed to be a Regular Member, at the time that appointment becomes effective. When an Alternate Member leaves before the end of their term, the replacement Alternate Member will serve the remainder of term of the person they replaced.

Section 2. Codification. Section 2-3-12-377 shall be codified in Division 2-3-12, of Article 2-3, Chapter 2, Lawton City Code, 2015.

Section 3. Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. The Provisions of this ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the passage of the ordinance.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma this _____ day of February, 2024.

STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DONALYNN BLAZEK-SCHERLER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this _____ day of February, 2024.

TIMOTHY WILSON, ACTING CITY ATTORNEY

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BRIEF GIST

This ordinance adds Participating Alternates to the Race Relations Commission.

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