

ORDINANCE NO. 6114

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
SECTIONS 2-232 AND 2-233 REGARDING COMPOSITION AND
QUORUM OF THE FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) was established on March 10, 2014, by the City Council's adoption of Ordinance No. 5939; and

WHEREAS, the FDC is currently comprised of 15 public voting members, three of which are appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and three non-voting members to include the City Mayor, a City Council Member, and the City Human Resources Director; and

WHEREAS, the City Council discussed reducing the size and altering the composition of the FDC during the City Council's review of City Boards and Commissions in August and September 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Fairbanks General Code Sections 2-232 and 2-233 are hereby amended as follows [new text in **underlined/bold** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 2-232. – Composition; term of office.

(a) The FDC shall include **11**~~15~~ public voting members broadly selected to represent the diverse people of Fairbanks. **Ten**~~Twelve~~ community members shall be appointed by the city mayor subject to the approval of the city council. **One**~~Three~~ community members shall be appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor, subject to the approval of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly. Preference for city-appointed positions shall be given to residents of the City of Fairbanks. All appointments of the public members shall be for three-year terms, without compensation. The term of members shall be until June 30 of the third year from appointment. ~~The first members of the commission shall be appointed in staggering terms that end on June 30 as follows: five members for a term of one year, five members for a term of two years, and five members for a term of three years.~~

(b) In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of any member of the FDC, the city mayor or Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor, as the case may be, shall appoint to the FDC, subject to confirmation by the city council or borough assembly, as the case may be, a member who shall serve for the unexpired term vacated.

(c) The city attorney or designee shall be made available upon request to provide information, not to act as legal counsel, to the FDC.

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Sec. 2-233. – Chairperson; committees; quorum; meetings.

(a) The city mayor shall serve as non-voting chairperson. A first vice-chairperson and a second vice-chairperson shall initially be appointed by the city mayor from the membership, subject to the approval of the FDC. Following initial appointments, vice-chairpersons will serve one year in each position progressively: second vice-chairperson, first vice-chairperson, then past vice-chairperson. A new second vice-chairperson will be appointed by the city mayor every July, with approval of the membership. Upon approval of the appointment, the progression of vice-chairpersons will take place. If a vice-chairperson vacates their position before the progression is complete, the city mayor will appoint a replacement, subject to the approval of the membership.

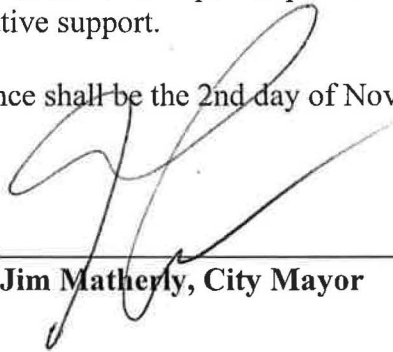
(b) The FDC may organize committees and adopt administrative rules and procedures to accomplish its purposes.

(c) A quorum shall be necessary to conduct a meeting. A quorum shall consist of ~~six~~eight public voting members of the FDC. The business of the FDC shall be transacted by a majority vote of voting members present after a quorum is established.

(d) All meetings shall be held, and notices and agendas shall be posted, in compliance with the Alaska Open Meetings Act. Minutes of FDC proceedings shall be kept and filed in accordance with applicable laws dealing with public records. In all matters of parliamentary procedure not covered by rules and procedures adopted under subsection (b) above, the current version of Robert's Rules of Order will govern.

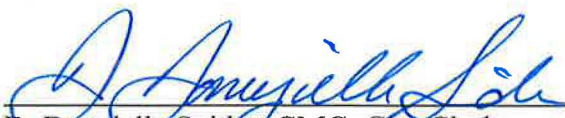
(e) The FDC shall keep permanent records or minutes of all meetings. The minutes shall promptly be filed in the office of the city clerk and shall be open to public inspection. The city clerk shall supply the FDC with administrative support.

SECTION 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be the 2nd day of November 2019.




Jim Matherly, City Mayor

YEAS: Gibson, Therrien, Pruhs, Matherly
NAYS: Rogers, Kun
ABSENT: Cleworth
ADOPTED: October 28, 2019

ATTEST:


D. Danyelle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney