



~~and persons who have experience and expertise on issues relevant to the Commission's duties. Members should broadly represent all geographic areas of the city. Persons shall be selected for appointment so that not less than 1/2 of the members will be disabled persons; not less than 1/3 of the members will be users or consumers of special services for disabled persons; not less than 1/3 of the members will be providers of special services for disabled persons; and each councilman's district of the city will contain the residence of not less than two members. Any member or former member may be re-appointed. Members shall serve without compensation.~~

Section 2. That Chapter 2, Article XVII, Section 2-96, of the Duluth City Code be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-96. Duties of commission.

The duties of the commission shall be as follows:

- (a) To assess the needs of ~~disabled persons~~ persons with disabilities regarding matters such as employment, housing, transportation, accessibility, and equal rights, and to advise the mayor and the city council of such assessments as the mayor or council may request or as the commission may deem appropriate;
- (b) To advise the mayor and the city council about legislative matters pertaining to ~~disabled persons~~ persons with disabilities, and to recommend ~~to the mayor and the council~~ proposed legislation ~~which the commission deems appropriate for the benefit of disabled~~ impacting persons with disabilities;
- (c) To advise the mayor and the city council ~~in conjunction with~~ on the application of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, ~~and the Americans with Disabilities Act~~ to the city;
- (d) To promote and conduct programs designed to increase public awareness of issues affecting persons with disabilities in the community; ~~inform the public about the problems of disabled people~~;
- (e) ~~To further the awareness of disabled persons as to the rehabilitation, training, and placement services available to them, and to encourage them to use such services;~~ To promote proactive and holistic community policies, programs and resources to improve accessibility for everyone;
- (f) ~~To be a resource for persons with disabilities to access available rehabilitation, training, and placement services, promote employment opportunities for persons with disabilities and to help employers recruit, hire, retain and advance workers with disabilities; awareness by employers and the public of the valuable abilities and performances of suitably employed disabled persons;~~
- (g) ~~To promote the acceptance, accommodation, education, training and employment of disabled persons;~~
- (hg) To encourage the development of coordinated, interdepartmental goals and objectives and the coordination of programs, services and facilities among all city departments and private providers of service as they relate to disabled persons with disabilities.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage and publication.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance reduces the number of members on the commission on disabilities from 17 to nine and makes the criteria for membership less restrictive. Commission members serve three year terms which are staggered so there are three appointments each year. In addition, the ordinance updates the language in the city code and clarifies the duties of the commission.