ORDINANCE NO. 2218

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS ADDING CHAPTER 2.66 TO THE REDLANDS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has determined that it is in the best interests of citizens throughout the state that cities and counties establish commissions to foster peaceful relations among persons of different races and national origins; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has further found that the promotion of positive human relations for the purpose of insuring the public peace and general welfare of all the people of the state is a principal governmental concern and responsibility for which cities and counties may expend public funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Redlands is desirous of assisting the Legislature in achieving its goals through the formation of a human relations commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Redlands as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2.66 is hereby added to the Redlands Municipal Code to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 2.66

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

2.66.010 ESTABLISHED

There is a Human Relations Commission established to serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and to aid the City in achieving better human relations by providing assistance to all persons or groups in promoting good will and better relations among all people.

2.66.020 MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members. Each Councilmember shall appoint one member of the Commission with the remaining four (4) members being appointed by the City Council. The Commission members should be representative of the diverse population of Redlands in regards to race, religion, gender, age, culture, national origin, disability, income and employment background. One Commission member appointed by the City Council shall be from the junior class of a Redlands high school. The student member's term shall be for one year, beginning January 1st when the student is a junior and ending December 31st when the student is a senior. The student member shall be considered one of the nine (9) members of the Commission with full voting powers. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation and they shall be residents of the City and neither officers nor employees thereof.

2.66.030 MEMBERS -- FORFEITURE OF OFFICE BY ABSENCE

Any Commission member who is absent from any three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Commission, unless excused from such attendance by consent of the Commission expressed by action of record in its minutes, shall automatically forfeit his or her office as a member of the Commission. The vacancy so created shall be filled pursuant to section 2.66.020.

2.66.040 ORGANIZATION

The Commission shall annually elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson and there is no prohibition to the number of terms a member may serve in either capacity. The Commission shall keep records of all of its proceedings and actions and shall have regular meeting dates noticed in accordance with law. Five (5) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. No appropriation shall be made to support the activities of this Commission including the assignment of City clerical staff.

2.66.050 POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The powers, duties and responsibilities of the Commission shall include but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- (1) To foster mutual respect and understanding with regard to race, religion, national origin, age, gender, disability or other minority affiliation;
- (2) To undertake such studies in any field of human relationship in the community as in the judgment of the Commission will aid in effectuating its general purposes;

- (3) To recommend such educational programs as, in the judgment of the Commission, will increase good will among inhabitants of the community and open new opportunities into all phases of community life for all inhabitants;
- (4) To hold public meetings, in the interest of the constructive resolution of prejudice and discrimination occasioned thereby;
- (5) To issue such publications and reports as in its judgment will tend to effectuate the purposes of this Chapter;
- (6) To enlist the cooperation and participation of the various racial and nationality groups, community organizations, industry and labor organizations, media or mass communication, fraternal and benevolent associations, and other groups in an educational campaign devoted to fostering among the diverse groups of the community mutual esteem, justice and equity;
- (7) To recommend to the City Council that agencies under the jurisdiction of the City to take such action as will fulfill the purposes of this Chapter;
 - (8) To submit an annual report to the City Council."

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause it, or a summary of it, to be published

once in the Redlands Daily Facts, a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

Mayor, City of Redlands

ATTEST:

City Clerk of

Redlands

I, Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk of the City of Redlands, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 1st day of June , 1993, by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilmembers Larson, Cunningham, Milson, Foster

NOES:

Mayor DeMirjyn

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

None

Redlands