

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. 13-19

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AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO THE ESCAMBIA-PENSACOLA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, RESTRUCTURED BY ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 2019-13; SETTING FORTH THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in § 163.01, Florida Statutes, Escambia County, Florida, and the City of Pensacola previously entered into an Interlocal Agreement creating the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission to serve both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Escambia County; and

WHEREAS, effective April 1, 2019, the Agreement was terminated by the parties and operation of the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission suspended to allow for a restructuring of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pensacola recognizes and reaffirms the need for the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission to provide the community with local assistance to review and resolve employment and fair housing discrimination complaints and improve community relations for all persons in Escambia County, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability or handicap, familial status, or marital status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pensacola agrees with the Escambia Board of County Commissioners that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Escambia County and the City of Pensacola to reestablish the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission allowing for, among other provisions, the appointment of a City Council member as an *ex officio* member to the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission for a period to be determined through an Interlocal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that the Escambia Board of County Commissioners has restructured the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission by Escambia County Ordinance No. 2019-13 (the "EPHRC Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council and Escambia Board of County Commissioners intend to enter into an Interlocal Agreement to further effectuate the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA,
AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings; membership; terms of office:

- (1) The City Council hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City of Pensacola and its residents to participate in the membership of the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission for the purpose of providing the community with local assistance to review and resolve employment and fair housing discrimination complaints and improve community relations for all persons in the City of Pensacola regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability or handicap, familial status, or marital status.
- (2) One (1) member of the City Council will be appointed by a majority vote of the existing membership of the City Council to perform *ex officio* functions of an additional office.
- (3) The term of this appointment will be for two (2) years as described in the EPHRC Ordinance.
- (4) The City Council shall appoint three (3) members to the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission for terms as described in the EPHRC Ordinance.

SECTION 2. If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section, or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provision or applications of the ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided, pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk