

RESOLUTION

NO. 18-35

A RESOLUTION  
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE ESCAMBIA-PENSACOLA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, URGING BOTH ESCAMBIA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PENSACOLA CONTINUED FUNDING OF COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission (EPHRC) was established in 1974 by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and the Pensacola City Council; and

WHEREAS, the EPHRC was created to provide the community with local assistance to review and resolve employment discrimination complaints, fair housing discrimination complaints, improve community relations, and promote fair treatment and equal opportunity for all Escambia County citizens regardless of race, color, gender, religion, age, national origin or disability; and

WHEREAS, the City and County have entered into an Interlocal agreement for the governance, funding, and powers of the EPHRC; and

WHEREAS, the EPHRC has served Escambia County and the City of Pensacola for forty (40) plus years; and

WHEREAS, the City has under Chapter 5, Article II of City Code, a provision for Fair Housing which creates the fair housing board and the fair housing director's position vesting the authority of both within the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, Community Relations is an essential service provided by EPHRC which allows for assistance to be given to local community and non-profit organizations such as the Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration Commission, the Pensacola Community Arts & Recreation Association, plus others; and

WHEREAS, within the FY19 budgets of both Escambia County and the City of Pensacola, the EPHRC will be defunded with the funds being placed into Fair Housing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Pensacola, Florida hereby is supportive of the continued existence and service provided by the EPHRC.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Pensacola, Florida, hereby requests that both the City and the County continue to fund the EPHRC in accordance with the mutually agreed upon interlocal agreement.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective 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:

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City Clerk