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**Ordinance Number:** 120871

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**Status:** Passed

**Note:** First Quarter 2002 Salary Ordinance

**Vote:** 8-0 (Excused: Conlin)

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**Committee:** Neighborhood, Arts and Civil Right Committee

**Sponsor:** LICATA

**Committee Recommendation:** Pass

**Index Terms:** HUMAN-RIGHTS-COMMISSION, BOARDS-AND-COMMISSIONS

**Fiscal Note:** [Fiscal Note to Council Bill No. 114252](#)

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**Reference:** Related: Ord 119911

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**Text:**

ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE relating to the terms of members of the Human Rights Commission and amending SMC 3.14.920.

WHEREAS, the Seattle Human Rights Commission, Seattle Women's Commission and the Seattle Commission for Sexual Minorities all have commission members who serve two year terms; and

WHEREAS, new commissioners must occasionally be appointed to fill an unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, the current language governing appointments to fill unexpired terms is confusing and treats Seattle Human Rights commissioners differently from commissioners serving on the Seattle Women's Commission and the Seattle Sexual Minorities Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Civil Rights would like the terms for all three commissions to be uniform and predictable; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection 3.14.920 D of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

3.14.920 Commissions -- Established -- Membership.

There is established a Seattle Women's Commission, to be composed of twenty (20) members appointed from among those persons who are conscious of the discrimination against and oppression of women in this society, and who are working to eliminate these injustices; a Seattle Human Rights Commission, to be composed of fifteen (15) members who shall be representative citizens and shall include representatives of minority communities, other protected classes, and persons with a demonstrated concern and background in human rights; and a Seattle Commission for Sexual Minorities to be composed of fifteen (15) members appointed from among those persons who are conscious of the discrimination against and oppression of lesbians, gays and sexual minorities in the society, and who are working to eliminate these injustices. Upon the expiration of existing terms, new appointments to each position on each commission shall be made under this section by the authority originally appointing persons to that position, as follows:

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D. All appointments shall be subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the City Council. Each member appointed pursuant to the authority of this section shall serve for a term of two (2) years, but no member of the Seattle Human Rights Commission or the Seattle Women's Commission shall serve more than two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms. ~~If a member is appointed to serve an unexpired term of a previous Seattle Human Rights Commission member, that term shall qualify as one (1) of two (2) consecutive terms. Otherwise, if~~ If a member is appointed to serve an unexpired term of a previous commission member, that term shall qualify as one (1) of two (2) consecutive terms only if the length of the unexpired term actually served is one (1) year or more. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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President of the City Council

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

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