

ORDINANCE NO. 2471

INTRODUCED BY: ALLEN-THOMAS, DOUGLAS, FORD, HURST, HUSEMAN, KIM, MADERA, MILLARD-CHACON, NOBLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE SENIOR COMMISSION TO INITIATE OR PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE OLDER ADULT AND SENIOR COMMUNITIES OF COMMERCE CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City passed Ordinance No. 2128 on May 15, 2017 establishing the Senior Commission to advise the City Council on matters related to the older adult and senior community, to foster greater understanding of senior citizens, to encourage greater senior citizen participation in community issues, and to advocate for issues of importance to older adults;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2128 did not include powers and duties to initiate or participate in community service projects for the older adults community in Commerce City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to expand the powers and duties of the Senior Commission to better serve the older adult and senior communities in the City by providing the Senior Commission with the ability to initiate or participate in community service projects in Commerce City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Findings.** The recitals to this ordinance are incorporated as findings of the City Council. This ordinance is found to be necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and in the public interest.

**SECTION 2. Amendments.** Section 2-3007 of the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code is amended as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance, with the specific changes as depicted in Exhibit B to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3. Repealer.** All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage on second and final reading.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

ATTEST

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Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE 2417

(Clean version)

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- (d) Meetings. The commission shall meet as necessary to perform its duties. Notice of any meeting of the commission, and the agenda for such meeting, shall be posted on the city's website.
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(Ord. No. 2128, § 2, 5-15-17; Ord. No. 2408, § 2(Exh. D), 8-15-22)

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(Strikethrough text shows deletions; underlined text shows additions.)

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