

ORDINANCE NO: 2128

INTRODUCED BY: AMADOR, BULLOCK, CARSON, DIAZ, DOUGLAS, ELLIOTT,
FORD, MCELDFOWNEY, TETER

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SENIOR COMMISSION AND AMENDING THE
COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO SUCH COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City Council of Commerce City values the contributions, experience, and knowledge of older adults and members of the senior community in the City of Commerce City;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Commerce City recognizes that older adults and members of the senior community in the City of Commerce City face unique needs and circumstances;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Commerce City desires to establish a Senior Commission to advise the City Council, to foster greater understanding of senior citizens, encourage greater senior citizen participation in community issues, inform the community of available services, programs, and resources, and advocate for issues of importance to older adults

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter XI of the Commerce City Charter, the City Council has the power and authority to create boards and commissions;

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

SECTION 1. There is established be a city commission called the “Senior Commission.”

SECTION 2. Article III of Chapter 2 of the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2-3007 entitled “Senior Commission” to read as follows:

Sec. 2-3007. Senior Commission

- (a) *Powers.* The senior commission shall 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, to inform the community of available services, programs, and resources, and to advocate for issues of importance to older adults. The commission shall be authorized to: analyze data to identify service gaps; assess and recommend strategies that address senior needs; advocate on important issues facing older adults; create information guides; promote available senior resources; and host informational events and seminars.
- (b) *Composition and qualifications.* The city council shall appoint up to sixteen (16) commission members as follows: up to nine (9) regular voting members and two (2) alternates; two (2) city council members; and three (3) non-voting, ex officio members representing senior programs. Voting members and alternates shall be city residents, owners or employees of city businesses, or patrons of city facilities who have an interest in older adult/senior issues or are seniors themselves, representing to

the extent possible diverse economic groups, genders, nationalities and city wards. Ex-officio members will be selected by city council from a list of organizations or agencies that serve the senior community.

- (c) *Terms of office.* Except for vacancies in unexpired terms, which shall be filled in accordance with the charter, the appointment of city council members whose terms shall coincide with the organization meetings of the city council, and any appointments made to ensure the appropriate staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a period of two (2) years.
- (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.
- (e) *Quorum.* Five (5) regular voting members or alternates and one (1) city council member shall constitute a quorum.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED
THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED
THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2017.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

BY: _____
Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura J. Bauer, MMC, City Clerk