ORDINANCE NO. 1564

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 7.3 TO THE SOLANO COUNTY CODE ENTITLED
SOLANO COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano ordains as follows:

Section 1.

Chapter 7.3 of the Solano County Code, is added to read as follows:

Sec. 7.3-01. Creation of Commission.

The Board of Supervisors of Solano County creates, pursuant to the provisions of the California Children and Families First Act, the Solano County Children and Families First Commission. This commission shall continue to represent Solano County until such time as the Solano County Board of Supervisors takes an affirmative action to terminate the commission.

Sec. 7.3-02. Purpose of Commission.

The Solano County Children and Families First Commission shall administer the Solano County Children and Families First Trust Fund and doing all things necessary to carry out the provisions of the California Children and Families First Act.

Sec. 7.3-03. Membership of Commission

1. The Commission shall consist of five members, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Commission members shall serve at the will of the Board of Supervisors and shall serve without compensation.

2. The membership shall be selected as follows:

   (a) Two members shall be appointed from among the county health officer and persons responsible for management of the following county functions: children’s services, public health services, behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and substance abuse prevention and treatment services.

   (b) One member shall be a member of the board of supervisors.

   (c) The remaining members of the commission shall be from among the persons described in paragraph (a) or from the following categories of individuals: recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, or a local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies.
Sec. 7.3-04. Terms of office for members and vacancy in office.

The terms of office for each commission member shall be four years. The terms of the original members shall be staggered. Two of the original members shall serve a term of two years and the remaining original members shall serve a term of four years. This will allow for a continuity of policy. A person may serve more than one term.

Each commission member shall remain in office, at the conclusion of that member’s term until a successor member has been selected and installed into office.

An office shall become vacant if a commission member discontinues to function in the area from which appointed, or fails to attend three commission meetings in a row.

Sec. 7.3-05. Powers and duties of commission.

The powers and duties of the commission shall be to do all things necessary to function as a local commission under the California Children and Families First Act, including, at a minimum:

1. Adopt an adequate and complete county strategic plan for the support and improvement of early childhood development within the county. The strategic plan shall:

   (a) Be consistent with and in furtherance of the purposes of the California Children and Families First Act and any guidelines adopted by the state commission pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 130125 of the California Health and Safety Code that are in effect at the time the plan is adopted.

   (b) At a minimum include the following: a description of the goals and objectives proposed to be attained, a description of the programs, services, and projects proposed to be provided, sponsored or facilitated, and a description of how measurable outcomes of such program, services, and projects will be determined by the county commission using appropriate reliable indicators and a description of how programs, services, and projects relating to early childhood development within the county will be integrated into a consumer-oriented and easily accessible system.

2. The commission shall, on at least an annual basis, periodically review its county strategic plan and to revise the plan as may be necessary or appropriate.

3. The commission shall conduct at least one public hearing on its periodic review of the county strategic plan before any revisions to the plan are adopted.

4. The commission shall conduct at least one public hearing on its proposed county strategic plan before the plan is adopted.

5. The commission shall submit its adopted county strategic plan and any subsequent revisions to the state commission.

6. The commission shall prepare and adopt an annual audit and report pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 130150, which shall be the subject of at least one public hearing before its adoption.
Section 7.3-06. Open and public meetings.

The open meeting laws contained in the Ralph M. Brown Act shall apply to the Commission’s meetings.

Section 2.

The Board of Supervisors finds that it is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety that this ordinance is an urgency measure and shall become effective on January 1, 1999 to coincide with the effective date Proposition 10, California Children and Families First Act of 1998. The voters narrowly approved Proposition 10 on November 3, 1998. The act imposes a $.50 per pack tax on cigarettes to raise revenues for early childhood development and smoking prevention programs that will benefit our most valuable and vulnerable resource, children from the prenatal stage to five years old. The well-being of our county’s infants and children is endangered by their exposure to tobacco, drugs and alcohol. These community based programs will provide parental education and family support services relevant to effective childhood development. Revenues will be allocated based on a population and placed in a dedicated fund. It is estimated that Solano County should receive approximately $3.5 million dollars in FY 1998/1999 and $7 million annually thereafter. The act calls for the creation of a county commission to oversee the expenditure of these revenues. To insure the right of the county to receive the funds which begin accruing on January 1, 1999, the board of supervisors must adopt this ordinance establishing our county commission by January 1, 1999.

Section 3.

A summary of this ordinance with the recorded votes of the Board of Supervisors shall be published once in the Fairfield Daily Republic, a newspaper of general circulation in Solano County. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors will post a certified copy of the ordinance with the recorded votes of the Board of Supervisors.

Passed and adopted as an urgency ordinance by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on December 8, 1998, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: Gojkovich, Kondyis, Silva, and Thomson

NOES: Supervisors: Chairman Carroll

ABSENT: Supervisors: None

William J. Carroll, Chairman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Michael Johnson, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By: Deputy