AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending section 2.53 of the Kent City Code, entitled "Human Services Commission," increasing the terms of appointment of officers.

RECITALS

A. On September 3, 1986, the Human Services Commission was created by council's adoption of Ordinance No. 2655. The current code provisions concerning the commission are codified in chapter 2.53 of the Kent City Code.

B. It has been determined that youth representatives on the commission should have more flexible term requirements so that each youth representative can remain on the commission throughout the representative's high school career.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. - Amendment. Section 2.53 of the Kent City Code is amended as follows:

Sec. 2.53.030. Created. The city human services commission is hereby created. The commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the mayor and city council.

Sec. 2.53.040. Membership, terms, residence requirements.

A. Membership. The human services commission shall consist of ten (10) members, each appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. Each member of the commission shall have an equal vote in decisions of the commission, except for the council representative, who shall serve in a nonvoting capacity.

B. Terms of appointment. With respect to the members appointed and confirmed to serve on the commission, the following provisions shall apply:

1. At least four (4) commissioners shall reside within the corporate limits of the city.

2. Appointments shall reflect a balance of interests and should be equally proportionate and contain no more than two (2) representatives, to the extent practicable, from each of the following communities, entities, or interest groups: business, educational, spiritual, charitable, civic, past or present receivers of human services, and providers of human services. The commission shall include at least one (1) youth representative of high school age and one (1) council member representative.

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3. All members appointed shall serve three (3) year terms, with the following exceptions:

   a. The youth representative(s) shall be appointed to at least a one (1) year term, but may be appointed to as much as a three (3) year term; and

   b. The council representative shall be appointed to a one (1) year term.

4. When a vacancy occurs during a commissioner’s current term, the mayor shall appoint, subject to council confirmation, a new commissioner who shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Sec. 2.53.050. Organization and meetings. The human services commission shall elect a chairperson and chair-elect from among its voting members. At the end of the current chairperson’s term, the chair-elect will become the chairperson, and the commission will then elect from its members a new chair-elect. At the end of each year, the then chair-elect will assume the chairperson role and a new chair-elect would be elected. These officers shall hold office for one (1) year. The mayor shall appoint appropriate staff to assist the commission in the preparation of those reports and records as are necessary for the proper operation of the commission. The commission shall meet upon call of the chairperson, as necessary.

Sec. 2.53.060. Responsibilities. The human services commission shall make reports and recommendations to the mayor and city council concerning human services issues including:

1. Development and assessment of human services needs in the city.
2. Determination of priorities of human services needs within the city.

3. Evaluation and recommendation on funding requests submitted to the city.

4. Evaluation and review of the performance of individual human services organizations and agencies.

5. Review of city actions which may affect the availability and quality of human services provision in the city.

6. Coordination with other groups and human services planning agencies and organizations.

**SECTION 2.** - *Severability.* If any one or more section, subsection, or sentence of this ordinance are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** - *Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser.* Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

**SECTION 4.** - *Effective Date.* This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its passage as provided by law.

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SUZETTE COOKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

TOM BRUBAKER, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED: 7th day of February, 2012.
APPROVED: 7th day of February, 2012
PUBLISHED: 10th day of February, 2012.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 4029 passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

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