AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending Section 2.53.040 of the Kent City Code to create an alternate position on the Human Services Commission, to allow the alternate to act in the place of an absent member and to assume a vacant position should one become available during the alternate’s term.

RECITALS

A. The Kent Human Services Commission was created in 1986, and its primary purpose is to promote the development and assessment of human services needs in the city. The Human Services Commission’s duties include making reports and recommendations to the mayor and city council concerning human services needs in the city.

B. Although the Human Services Commission is required to hold regular meetings, at times it has been difficult to obtain the quorum necessary to transact business due to the absence of its members at those meetings. This ordinance will create a new position on the Commission that will allow a person to be appointed as an alternate.

C. It is intended that when all members of the Commission are present, the alternate will serve in a nonvoting capacity. If, however, a member is absent from any meeting of the Human Services Commission,
the alternate will serve as a pro tempore voting member for that meeting and may vote on all matters before the Commission. The alternate may also assume any position that is vacated by an incumbent member or otherwise becomes available during the alternate’s tenure without the necessity of further Council confirmation. A search for a new alternate would then be undertaken.

D. Currently, the Human Services Commission is limited to 10 members. Because the Human Services Commission obtains only those powers granted to it by Council, an ordinance is required to amend the Kent City Code to allow for the appointment of an alternate, and to allow that alternate to act as a pro tempore when a voting member is absent.

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

ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. - Amendment - Revise KCC 2.53.040. Section 2.53.040 of the Kent City Code entitled “Membership, terms, residence requirements.” Is amended as follows:

Sec. 2.53.040. Membership, terms, residence requirements.
A. Number of members. Membership. The membership of the human services commission shall be ten (10) members, in addition to a council representative and an optional alternate. Members are to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council, with the exception of the council representative, who shall be appointed to the commission by the council president. Each member of the commission shall have an equal vote in decisions of the commission, except for the alternate, the youth representative, and the appointed council representative, all of whom shall serve in nonvoting capacities.
B. Alternate Member. An alternate may be appointed to the commission by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. Once appointed and confirmed, the alternate will serve in a nonvoting capacity when all regular members are present at a meeting of the human services commission. When a regular member of the human services commission is absent from a meeting, the alternate will serve as a pro tempore voting member for that meeting and may vote on all matters before the commission. Should a position as a regular member on the human services commission become available during the alternate’s term, the alternate will assume that position as a regular member without any further council confirmation required. 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.

CB. 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.

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.

c. If an alternate becomes a regular member of the human services commission, the individual’s three (3) year term will begin anew upon appointment as a regular member.

4. When a vacancy occurs during a commissioner’s current term, the alternate will assume that position as a regular member without any further council confirmation required. The mayor shall then appoint, subject to council confirmation, a new alternate commissioner who shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION 2. - Severability. If any one or more section, subsection, or sentence of this ordinance is 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; ordinance, section, or subsection numbering; or references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations.

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

[Signature]
DANA RALPH, MAYOR

5.1.18
Date Approved
ATTEST:

KIMBERLEY A. KOMOTO, CITY CLERK

5/1/18
Date Adopted

5/4/18
Date Published

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ARTHUR "PAT" FITZPATRICK, CITY ATTORNEY