## **CITY OF CONCORD**

In the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen

AN ORDINANCE amending the CODE OF ORDINANCES; Title V, Administrative Code; Chapter 30, Administrative Code, Article 30-3, Boards and Commissions

## The City of Concord ordains as follows:

SECTION I: Amend the CODE OF ORDINANCES; Title V, Administrative Code; Chapter 30, Administrative Code, Article 30-3, Boards and Commissions, by deleting in its entirety Section 30-3-27, Municipal Housing Commission, as follows:

[30-3-27 - Municipal Housing Commission.

(a) Statement of purpose.

- (1) The City of Concord is a capital city; the economic center of Merrimack County; a city located at the intersection of two (2) interstate highways; a city having one of the largest municipal land areas among municipalities in New Hampshire; and a city known for the quality of its education and cultural resources; government services; and overall quality of life.
- (2) The aforesaid attributes generate and will continue to generate a demand for new housing within the City of Concord.
- (3) It is the policy of the City of Concord to meet its demand for housing by encouraging development of a diverse housing supply so that persons and households of all ages and incomes may reside in safe, clean, comfortable and affordable housing within the community, whether such housing is owned or rented.
- (4) It is the policy of the City of Concord that such housing should be provided in a variety of architectural styles and densities.
- (5) Housing is a community resource which has not had, prior to the enactment of this section, any specific advocacy group with standing at the municipal level of government.
- (b) Membership.
  - (1) The Municipal Housing Commission shall have a membership of fifteen (15) persons, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council, composed of the following representation:

One (1) representative of the Greater Concord Area Chamber of Commerce, who is a major employer of persons needing workforce housing, to be recommended by the Chamber of Commerce.

One (1) representative of the Concord Area Homebuilders Association to be recommended by the association.

One (1) representative of the Concord Area Trust for Community Housing (CATCH) to be recommended by CATCH.

One (1) representative of the Concord Board of Realtors to be recommended by the board.

One (1) representative from the Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) to be recommended by EDAC.

One (1) representative of the Concord Housing Authority to be recommended by the authority.

One (1) representative of the banking community with extensive experience in housing lending.

One (1) representative of a higher education institution which contributes for the demand for housing in Concord.

One (1) representative of the Planning Board to be recommended by the chair of the Planning Board.

Four (4) citizens' representatives to include one (1) landlord, one (1) renter; one (1) owner of a single-family home or condominium; and one (1) advocate and/or representative of the homeless community.

One (1) City Councilor from the Concord City Council.

One (1) private land use planning professional.

- (2) Terms of memberships shall be for three (3) years. The initial terms shall be staggered by the appointing authority: six (6) for three (3) years; five (5) for two (2) years; and four (4) for one (1) year.
- (c) Mission. The Municipal Housing Commission's charge shall be to:
  - (1) Represent the interests of housing as an advocate before the City Council, the land use boards and other commissions, boards and agencies.
  - (2) Serve as a resource for information on effective and innovative means of providing housing.
  - (3) Maintain data on the availability and affordability of housing in Concord.
  - (4) Enhance public awareness of the role of housing in the community as a valuable resource which is a vital part of the Concord's economic, social and community fabric.
  - (5) Be a "sounding board" for innovative ideas and proposals related to housing.

(6) Provide a "home" for housing issues.

- (d) Powers. The Municipal Housing Commission is authorized to:
  - (1) Review and comment on proposed new ordinances, rules and regulations having an impact upon the quantity, quality, cost or availability of housing, and testify before the City Council and other bodies as necessary to carry out its charge.
  - (2) Offer testimony at public hearings of the land use boards on proposed housing developments.
  - (3) Conduct such studies as it deems necessary to fulfill its mission.
  - (4) Advise the City Council and other city boards, commissions and agencies on matters concerning housing policy, including master planning policies.
  - (5) Develop proposals for encouraging balanced and responsive housing in the community.
  - (6) Perform such other duties as are consistent with its mission.
- (e) Staff. The City Manager shall assign staff to assist the commission in the performance of its duties. Unless the City Council appropriates monies specifically for staff support of the commission, the allocation of staff resources to the commission shall be as determined by the City Manager.]

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Explanation: Matter removed from the current ordinance appears in [brackets and struck through].