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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 3729

AN ORDINANCE establishing a Human Services Commission and adding a new Chapter 3.61 to the Bellevue City Code.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby created a new chapter of the Bellevue City Code to be designated Chapter 3.61, and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3.61
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

3.61.010 Human Services Commission. There is hereby created the Human Services Commission of the City of Bellevue.

3.61.020 Membership - Appointment. The Human Services Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor with the consent of a majority of the City Council.

3.61.030 Eligibility - Term. Members of the Human Services Commission must be residents of the City of Bellevue. At no time shall a member of the Commission also be employed by, or serve on the Board of Directors of, a human service agency delivering services to City residents. Members shall represent the general citizenry and have an interest in human services and a commitment to service. Individuals with knowledge and understanding of human services should be included on the Commission.

Commission members shall serve without compensation and shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation.

The term for all positions on the Commission shall be four years. Each position shall expire on May 31 of the last year of the term. Persons appointed to a position during the pendency of the term for that position shall serve until the end of the term. The expiration date of the terms of the positions on the Commission shall be staggered so that no more than four positions expire in the same year.

No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms, provided a person appointed to fill an unexpired term of less than two years is eligible to serve two successive four-year terms, and provided

further, a person who is ineligible to serve for having served two consecutive terms may again serve after two years have elapsed from the end of the second such term.

The City Manager may assign representatives from one or more departments of the City to serve as ad hoc and non-voting members of the Commission.

3.61.040 Removal. Members of the Commission may be removed by the Mayor, with the consent of a majority of the City Council, for neglect of duty, conflict of interest, unexcused absence from three consecutive regular meetings of the Commission, or for any reason deemed sufficient by a majority of the City Council. The decision of the City Council shall be final and there shall be no appeal therefrom.

3.61.050 Vacancies. Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Mayor with the consent of a majority of the City Council.

3.61.060 Meetings. The Commission shall meet at least once a month. All meetings shall be open to the public. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. Action may be taken by a majority of the members present, when a quorum exists.

3.61.070 Officers. The Commission shall elect from its members a chairperson, vice-chairperson and such other officers as the Commission may deem necessary.

3.61.080 Duties and Powers. The Commission shall have the power and responsibility to perform the following functions:

A. The Commission shall in all matters be advisory to the City Council.

B. The Commission shall provide the public with opportunities to be involved in the Commission's activities.

C. The Commission's work shall be governed by the adopted Human Service Policies. The Commission shall advise the City Council as to changes or refinements to these Policies as needed.

D. The Commission shall review all requests for funding of human services in light of the guidelines contained in the Human Services Policies and make recommendations to the City Council.

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E. The Commission shall develop recommendations on priorities for the allocation of City resources to meet identified needs.

F. The Commission shall actively pursue the goal of regional cooperation in the planning, funding and delivery of human services.

G. The Commission shall conduct studies and provide recommendations to the City Council on emerging issues and concerns in the area of human services.

H. The Commission shall review and make comment on City actions which may affect the availability of human services in the City.

3.61.090 Staff Support. The Planning Department shall provide technical and clerical support for the Commission.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after final passage by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 17th day of November, 1986, and signed in authentication of its passage this 17th day of November, 1986.

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Cary E. Bozeman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

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