ORDINANCE 2017-14

Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN
AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen have
determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to amend the composition of the
Human Relations Commission of the Borough of Metuchen;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of
Metuchen that it hereby amends Chapter 10, Article 7 of the Code of the Borough of
Metuchen to state as follows:

Article 7. Human Relations Commission


There is hereby established a Human Relations Commission for the Borough of
Metuchen that shall be made up of fifteen (15) members. The membership of the
Commission shall be composed as follows:

A. Seven (7) residents of the Borough of Metuchen whose terms shall be for a
period of three (3) years on a staggering basis;
B. One (1) member of the clergy to be annually designated by the Interfaith
Council;
C. One (1) member representative of the business community to be annually
designated by the Metuchen Downtown Alliance;
D. Two (2) High School Students of the Borough of Metuchen to be selected by
the Metuchen High School Principal, one of which shall be a senior and one
shall be a junior whose terms shall expire upon their graduation.
E. One (1) Educator from the Edgar Middle School of the Borough of Metuchen
to be designated by the Superintendent of Schools;
F. One (1) member of the Metuchen Board of Education to be annually
designated by the President of the Board of Education;
G. One (1) member representative of the Metuchen Police Department to be
designated by the Police Chief; and
H. One (1) member of the Council of the Borough of Metuchen who shall act as
a liaison to be designated by the Mayor;
§ 10-29. Appointment; selection of Chairperson; vacancies.

The Mayor shall nominate and, with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, appoint all resident members of the Commission. The Council liaison shall be annually selected by the Borough Council at the reorganization meeting of the Borough held in January of each year. The members of the Commission shall annually select one of its members as Chairperson. Vacancies occurring on the Commission otherwise than by expiration of their term of office shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as an original appointment.


The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

A. To establish, amend, and supplement its own bylaws to the extent not inconsistent with this article nor with any other municipal, state or federal regulation or law. The Commission shall meet at a minimum of bi-monthly (every two months).

B. To foster, through community effort, good will, cooperation and conciliation among the groups and elements of the inhabitants of this Borough, and to make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for the development of policies and procedures in general and for programs of formal and informal education that will aid in eliminating all types of discrimination based upon race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, sexual preference, marital status, or developmental, mental, or physical disabilities.

C. To investigate, mediate and attempt to resolve without resort to the judicial system or other form of adjudication any allegations of unlawful discrimination by residents of the Borough.

D. The local commission shall have further powers and duties as may be provided by the Law Against Discrimination of the State of New Jersey and by amendments thereto.

E. To make a written annual report in June of each year to the Mayor and Council detailing its activities for the previous year and to make presentations before the Mayor and Council at such time as the Council shall request or the Commission deems desirable.

F. The Human Relations Commission shall be advisory in nature, it nor its members have the authority to contract, bind or act on behalf of the Borough of Metuchen. Its sole function is to assist the Mayor, Council and Administration of the Borough of Metuchen in matters provided for above in the Borough of Metuchen.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the within ordinance shall become effective upon final passage and publication as provided by law.
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Date of Publication: September 21, 2017

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance introduced by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, New Jersey at a regular meeting held on September 18, 2017

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Susan D. Jackson, RMC
Borough Clerk

Adopted: October 2, 2017
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Susan D. Jackson, RMC
Borough Clerk

ATTEST: BOROUGH OF METUCHEN

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Susan D. Jackson, RMC
Borough Clerk

By: ______________________
Peter Cammarano
Mayor