

ORDINANCE NO. C35665

[August 13, 2018]

An ordinance relating to the composition of the Community Housing and Human Services board; repealing chapter 04.34; and enacting a new chapter 04.34A of the Spokane Municipal Code.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That chapter 04.34 of the Spokane Municipal Code is repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. That there is enacted a new chapter 04.34A of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 04.34A Community Housing and Human Services Board

Section 04.34A.010 Purpose

The Community, Housing and Human Services Board advises the City administration, the Mayor, and the City Council regarding community development, housing, and human services programs.

Section 04.34A.020 Functions

The Community Housing and Human Services Board shall:

- A. Advise the City on preparing the Annual Action Plan, the CAPER, the Citizen Participation Plan, the Consolidated Plan, and other required plans to conform with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Washington State Department of Commerce where applicable;
- B. Hold public hearings on the draft plans to obtain citizen comments prior to recommending adoption by City Council;
- C. Make recommendations about funding priorities for housing programs and projects and social services utilizing federal, Washington State and City resources;
- D. Evaluate funding requests for eligible activities and projects and make funding recommendations to the Mayor and City Council;
- E. Make recommendations for funding to the Mayor and City Council for local grant dollars using human services priorities as established by the City Council;
- F. Provide policy guidance and recommendations for community development, human services, and special purpose grant programs applications and implementation;
- G. Participate with the Spokane Continuum of Care in developing the goals and priorities for regional homeless plans; and
- H. Represent the diverse constituencies that make up Spokane's low and moderate income populations, to help guide Spokane's community, housing, and human services into the future.

Section 04.34A.030 Membership

- A. Appointees to the Board shall serve three (3) year terms and may be eligible for one (1) reappointment for a three (3) year term reappointment.
- B. City residence is not a requirement for board membership due to the regional nature of some of the duties and responsibilities of the Board.
- C. The Board will consist of twelve (12) members, nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the City Council. At least one (1) member of the Board shall be a member of a veteran service organization, employed by the Department of Veteran Affairs or an active duty military member based at Fairchild Air Force.
- D. In addition to the twelve (12) positions, the board will include:
 - 1. two (2) voting representatives from the City Council selected by the City Council, appointed or reappointed for one (1) year terms;
 - 2. one (1) voting elected official or policy-level decision maker to represent Spokane County who shall be selected by the Spokane County commissioners then nominated by the Mayor and appointed by City Council, appointed or reappointed for one (1) year terms; and
 - 3. One (1) liaison from the Community Assembly nominated by the Community Assembly to the Mayor according to the process determined by the Community Assembly, then nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the City Council. The liaison will have full rights and responsibilities of a Board member.
- E. Members of the Board and Board committees shall include relevant representation in compliance with HUD and Washington State Department of Commerce requirements.
- F. Board members shall serve without compensation.
- G. Board members will meet conflict of interest requirements. Committee members may be required to meet conflict of interest requirements.
- H. The membership as a whole shall reflect a broad range of opinion, experience, and expertise with the object of providing sound advice, representative of the citizenry. To achieve that purpose, it shall include residents from diverse neighborhoods within the City and County, with diverse professional backgrounds and citizens active in neighborhood or community affairs. Youth may also serve as members.

Section 04.34A.040 Board Structure

- A. The Board will utilize a committee structure to assist with its functions. Committees will be comprised of Board members and other citizens with experience and expertise in the subject matter of the committee. The Board Chair shall appoint committee members.
- B. The Board will include an Executive Committee consisting of the Chair, Vice-chairs, and committee chairs.