

Chapter 2.114 - THURSTON COUNCIL ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Sections:

2.114.010 - Council established.

There is established a Thurston council on cultural diversity and human rights.

(Ord. 10365 § 1, 1993)

2.114.020 - Purpose of council.

The purpose of the council shall be to promote multicultural diversity and human rights education, support diverse cultural activities and provide a forum for interaction between diverse cultural groups.

(Ord. 10365 § 2, 1993)

2.114.030 - Function of council.

The council exists to facilitate the protection of human rights and equality of opportunity by educating the community about the value of cultural and ethnic diversity. The council is authorized to take the following actions in accomplishing this function:

A. Education Program.

1. Develop and coordinate programs celebrating ethnic and cultural diversity suitable for local schools;
2. Form a speakers' bureau for service and community club programs which shall provide speakers on current topics concerning ethnicity, cultural diversity and human rights;
3. Prepare newspaper columns to appear at regular intervals which shall express concerns of ethnic and cultural minorities and comments on human rights issues;
4. Take other actions intended to increase public awareness of ethnic and human rights issues.

B. Support of Ethnic and Cultural Activities.

1. Maintain a calendar for ethnic events occurring throughout the community and facilitate support for such events;
2. Sponsor booths at community events;
3. Take other actions in support of ethnic and cultural activities.

C. Forum for Interaction. Provide an arena for interaction among specific groups for airing of specific issues.

(Ord. 10365 § 3, 1993)

2.114.040 - Council membership.

The membership of the council shall be culturally and ethnically diverse. The council membership shall consist of twenty-three members as follows:

- A. Three members, one from each of the county commissioner's districts;
- B. Twelve at large members.

- C. Eight members, one each at the discretion and on the recommendation of the governing bodies of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, Tenino, Rainier, Bucoda, Yelm and the Nisqually Indian Tribe.

(Ord. 10485 (part), 1993: Ord. 10365 § 4, 1993)

2.114.050 - Appointment and removal of council members.

All council members shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners. Midterm vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. A council member may be removed by the board of county commissioners for misconduct or malfeasance. In the event that a council member is absent without excuse from three consecutive regular meetings, or is absent, with or without excuse, from fifty percent of the meetings in any twelve-month period, a majority vote of a quorum of the council may declare the member's position vacant.

(Ord. 12619, 2001: Ord. 10365 § 5, 1993)

2.114.060 - Terms of council members.

Council members shall serve three-year terms. Terms shall commence on June 1st and end on May 31st. Initial terms as of June 1, 1993, shall be as follows:

- A. Three-year term: commissioner District 1, 4 at large, Olympia, Tenino, Rainier and the Nisqually Indian Tribe;
- B. Two-year term: commissioner, District 2, 4 at large, Tumwater and Bucoda;
- C. One-year term: commissioner District 3, 4 at large, Lacey and Yelm.

(Ord. 10485 (part), 1993: Ord. 10365 § 6, 1993)