

Chapter 100 -- Public Accommodations

100.010. Citation of Chapter. This Chapter shall be known as and may be cited as "The Public Accommodations Code."

100.020. Policy. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City of Moscow Mills, in exercise of its licensing and police powers for the preservation of the peace and the protection of the health, welfare, and safety of its citizens to prohibit discriminatory practices in places of public accommodation within the City.

100.030. Definitions. As used in this Chapter:

1. Commission shall mean the City Commission on Human Relations as authorized by this Chapter.

2. Places of public accommodation shall mean all businesses or enterprises offering, providing, or holding out to the general public, facilities or commodities.

100.040. Discriminatory practices prohibited. Discriminatory practices, as hereinafter defined and established, in places of public accommodation are hereby prohibited and declared unlawful.

1. It shall be a discriminatory practice, directly or indirectly, to deny, refuse or withhold from any person, full and equal accommodation advantages, facilities and privileges in places of public accommodation because of race, color, religious affiliation, sex, ancestry, or national origin.

2. It shall be a discriminatory practice for the owner, lessee, manager, proprietor, concessionaire, custodian, agent or employee of a place of public accommodation within the City to treat any person differentially in the sale of a commodity, in the use of a facility or to segregate or require the placing of any person in any separate section of the premises, or facilities, because of race, color, religious affiliation, sex, ancestry, or national origin.

3. It shall be a discriminatory practice to place, post, maintain, display or circulate, or knowingly cause, permit or allow the placing, posting, maintenance, display or circulation of any written or printed advertisement, notice or sign of any kind or description to the effect that any of the accommodations, advantage or facilities of any place of public accommodation shall be refused, withheld from, or denied to any person because of race, color, religious affiliation, sex, ancestry or national origin, or that the patronage of any person is unwelcome, objectionable, or not accepted, desired or solicited because of race, color, religious affiliation, sex, ancestry or national origin, or that any person is required or requested to use any separate section or area of the premises or facilities because of race, color, religious affiliation, sex, ancestry or national origin.

4. Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit separate facilities for the two sexes in toilets or restrooms where a need for privacy outweighs the policy of equal access to places of public accommodation.

100.050. Commission on Human Relations, establishment authorized. There is hereby authorized a City Commission on Human Relations, to consist of three members to be appointed by the mayor subject to the approval of the board of aldermen. The committee shall designate one of its members to serve as chairman. Of the first appointees, one shall be appointed for a one-year term, one for a two-year term and one for a three-year term. Thereafter all members appointed shall serve a term of three years, except those who are appointed to fill a vacancy occurring during the term of a member. All members shall serve without compensation.

100.060. Same, meetings and procedures. The Commission shall fix the time and place of its meetings, and shall, except as herein provided, adopt such other procedures deemed necessary for the successful administration of the provisions and the consummation of the purposes of this Chapter.

100.070. Same, functions and duties, generally. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the mayor and board of aldermen, and its functions and duties shall be to foster mutual self respect and to further amicable relations among the various segments of the population which together comprise the City; to help preserve the City's good reputation for tolerance and fair play and promote even better relations among its people; to help make it possible for each citizen, regardless of race, color, religious affiliation, sex, ancestry and national origin, to develop his talents and abilities without limitation; and to assist the community in the fullest realization of its human resources. In order to accomplish the objectives hearing set out, the Commission shall advise the mayor and board of aldermen and other officers of the City on problems affecting human and intergroup relations.

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