

ORDINANCE

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TITLE

Councilman /woman [Signature] presents the following Ordinance:

Joseph A. Hanson

[Signatures of Council Members]

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XI (BOARDS BODIES AND COMMISSIONS OF THE TRENTON CITY CODE) TO RENAME AND AMEND THE CULTURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL TO THE MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD

WHEREAS, The City of Trenton has living within its jurisdiction many diverse, unique cultural populations, *including among others*: African – American, Hispanic, Irish, Italian, Polish, African, Asian, Caribbean, and Native American populations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Trenton deems it appropriate and in the best interests of Trenton’s residents to create an advisory body to City Council focusing primarily on the cultural populations located within the City of Trenton *including but not limited to*: African – American, Hispanic, Italian, Polish, African, Asian, Caribbean, and Native American populations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton now seeks to rename the Cultural Resources Council, the Multicultural Heritage Board encompassing all cultural populations, *including but not limited to*: African – American, Hispanic, Italian, Polish, African, Asian, Caribbean, and Native American populations.

NOW IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Trenton that a Multicultural Heritage Board be and is hereby created; and **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS**:

- A. Duties of Multicultural Heritage Board. To ensure the goal of fostering civic pride and promoting the cultural and historical resources available in the City, the Multicultural Heritage Board shall:
 - (1) Serve as the primary advisory Board to the Mayor on all matters pertaining to cultural and historic resources and opportunities, including matters related to policy, and promotion.
 - (2) Assist the Mayor in developing a short- and long-term strategy to make the City a vibrant cultural center, building upon existing resources and institutions.
 - (3) Generate ideas and assist in identifying public and private resources to promote cultural and historic institutions and programs.
 - (4) Facilitate a regular system of communication among cultural and heritage institutions in the greater Trenton area through regular meetings and occasional conferences and workshops.
 - (5) Encourage the use of our cultural facilities to increase usage and maximize rental income whenever possible.
 - (6) Encourage and facilitate the work of the many private and public arts and heritage organizations around Trenton.
 - (7) Encourage agencies such as the Trenton Downtown Association, the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, Latino Merchants Association, and similar organizations to promote cultural and heritage facilities and activities.
 - (8) Develop good strategic working relationships with organizations like the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the New Jersey Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission, and others.

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- B. Board membership, appointments, procedures.
 - (1) The Multicultural Heritage Board shall consist of 15 members, appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council.
 - (2) There shall also be 3 citizens at large with an interest in Trenton's development as a cultural center.
 - (3) Member of City Council. There shall be a member of City Council, appointed by a vote of Council to the board.
- C. Residency. At least half of the members of the Multicultural Heritage Board shall be residents of the City of Trenton.
- D. Officers. The Director of Recreation, Natural Resources and Culture, or his/her designee, shall serve as Chairperson of the Multicultural Heritage Board. The Director of Recreation, Natural Resources and Culture shall appoint his/her designee to serve as Vice Chair of the Board.
- E. Length of Term. All citizen appointments whether from organizations or at-large, shall be for one-year terms. A member of City Council shall be appointed by Council vote each year its designee to the Multicultural Heritage Board. Members of the Council who are either directors or their designees or from the Secretary of State's office shall have terms which coexist with their terms of office.
- F. Meetings. The Board shall meet monthly at a time and place established by the Chairperson in public meeting rooms in City Hall or other appropriate locations including: virtual meetings, as determined necessary by the Chairperson.
- G. Reports. The Board shall prepare an annual report for the Mayor and City Council on its activities, goals, accomplishments, and recommendations and shall submit the report for review on or before December 15th of each calendar year.
- H. By-Laws. The Board may promulgate by-laws governing the procedure of the Board which are not in conflict with statute or the Trenton City Code.
- I. Roberts Rules. Board meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules unless such rules are otherwise inconsistent with statute or the Trenton City Code.
- J. Compensation of the Board. Members of the Multicultural Heritage Board shall serve without compensation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT PURSUANT TO NJSA 40:69a-181 AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.

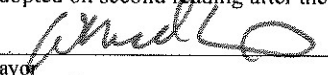
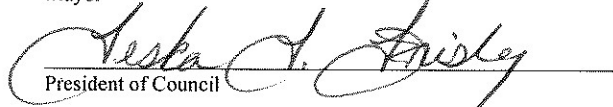
Ordinance authored by: Councilwoman Feliciano.

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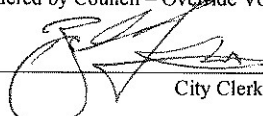
Y - NO VOTE AB - ABSENT

Adopted on first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton, NJ on SEP 07 2023

Adopted on second reading after the public hearing on SEP 21 2023


 Mayor

 President of Council



Reconsidered by Council - Override Vote

 City Clerk