

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Section 61

1. Original Charter section approved by voters April 7, 1931

Section 61. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

(a) The Manager shall appoint a Social Welfare Commission consisting of five (5) members, only three (3) of whom shall be of the same sex, each of whom shall have a general knowledge in the field of social welfare work.

(b) Members of the Social Welfare Commission shall serve without compensation and shall hold office until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

(c) The Manager shall appoint a Director of Social Welfare, who shall have the following qualifications: He shall be a graduate of an accredited school of Social Welfare and shall have had at the date of appointment at least two years of experience in the field of Social Welfare Work; or, if not a graduate as hereinbefore provided, he shall have had at least five years' experience in approved Social Welfare agencies. Any person appointed to this office shall also have the essential qualifications of administrative ability necessary to carry out the work of Social Welfare herein authorized.

(d) The Director of Social Welfare shall be the executive officer of the Department and shall exercise all powers and perform all duties conferred by general laws or by ordinances of the Council of the City of San Diego. He shall appoint such subordinate officers or employees as shall be authorized by ordinance.

(e) The term of office of the Director of Social Welfare shall continue until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified, and he shall receive such compensation as is designated in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

(f) The Department of Social Welfare shall have the power and duty:

FIRST: To investigate and to endorse, if worthy, in the manner provided by ordinance, all such charitable or philanthropic corporations or associations which are dependent on public appeal or general solicitation for support; and to have general supervision over all homes for the aged, boarding homes for children, day nurseries, homes for vocational training, and all other establishments relating to social welfare.

SECOND: To enforce such ordinances of the City which pertain or concern the solicitation of money or other valuable property for social welfare purposes.

THIRD: To encourage the formation of private social welfare organizations to meet needs not already provided for and to foster all worthy philanthropic enterprises.

FOURTH: To disburse all funds set aside by the Council for social welfare purposes.

FIFTH: To study and recommend means of improving the social conditions which lead to poverty, crime and disease.

SIXTH: To promote co-operation among all charitable or philanthropic agencies in the City.

SEVENTH: With the consent and approval of the City Council, by resolution or ordinance expressed, the Department of Social Welfare may receive gifts, bequests, or devises to be used for charitable or philanthropic purposes, and to administer any trust declared or created for any such purposes, in accordance with the terms of such trust; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prevent the Funds Commission from exercising full power of supervision and control over all trust property and investment funds, as authorized by Subdivision (a) of Section 41 of Article V of this Charter.

EIGHTH: To supervise and regulate dance halls and places of amusement or recreation as provided by ordinance.

NINTH: In general the Department of Social Welfare shall supervise all appeals for contributions to support local welfare enterprises, and shall have charge in the City of everything which relates to social service and welfare of the people.

2. Amendment voted 04-21-1953; effective 05-29-1953

Section 61. The Manager shall appoint a Social Service Commission consisting of five (5) members, only three (3) of whom shall be of the same sex. After their appointment said members shall determine by lot the terms of the members of the first Commission appointed hereunder. Two (2) members shall serve for terms of three (3) years and the other three (3) for terms of five (5) years. Thereafter the term of each member when appointed shall be for the term of five (5) years, or until his successor is appointed and qualified. Each of the members of the Social Service Commission shall have a general knowledge in the field of social welfare work.

The Social Service Department shall have such powers and duties as relate to the investigation, study, recommendation and execution of legislation and policies relating to the social welfare of the people of The City of san Diego, and particularly those relating to improvement of social conditions which might lead to poverty, crime and disease, and the recommendation and carrying out of constructive programs for the prevention of juvenile delinquency. The Department shall also have such additional powers and duties as may be conferred upon it by ordinance of the City Council.

The Manager shall also appoint a Director of Social Service, who shall have the necessary qualifications and experience in the field or social welfare work, whose duty it shall be to administer and carry out such programs as shall be authorized by ordinance of the Council, and such other duties in relation to social welfare in The City of San Diego as may be imposed upon him by said ordinance or the City Manager. Such

Director of Social Service shall receive such compensation as shall be recommended by the Civil Service Commission and fixed by ordinance of the Council.

Repeal voted 09-17-1963, including a section title, "SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT"; effective 02-11-1964.