

ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 18800 (NEW SERIES)

ADOPTED ON MAY 15 2000

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, ARTICLE 6, OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING SECTION 26.05 TITLED "THE SENIOR CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD;" AND BY ADDING DIVISION 15, SECTIONS 26.1501, 26.1502 AND 26.1503, RELATING TO THE SENIOR AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter II, Article 6, section 26.05 of the San Diego Municipal Code, titled "San Diego Senior Citizens' Advisory Board" be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That Chapter II, Article 6, of the San Diego Municipal Code be and the same is hereby amended by adding Division 15, sections 26.1501, 26.1502 and 26.1503, to read as follows:

DIVISION 15

SENIOR AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD

SEC. 26.1501 Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to establish a Senior Affairs Advisory Board to serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on the matters which directly impact the elderly. Because of dramatic advances in science and medicine, people are living longer, healthier lives and subsequently the senior population has soared to become the nation's fastest growing demographic group. Countywide, it is estimated that by 2010, the

number of those sixty and over will have increased 69% from 1990 levels to over 600,000, and that the numbers of those seventy-five and over will have increased 81% from 1990 levels to over 200,000. As the majority of these seniors will live within the City, it is imperative that San Diego establish a Senior Affairs Advisory Board which can advise the Mayor and Council on the matters which directly impact our elderly.

SEC. 26.1402 Senior Affairs Advisory Board

There is hereby created a Senior Affairs Advisory Board consisting of eleven (11) members, who shall serve without compensation. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Seven (7) members shall be Senior Service Delivery Professionals/Experts and four (4) members shall be City-a-Large Seniors (over 60). In making the initial appointments, the Mayor shall appoint one (1) member who shall be designated as Chairperson and ten (10) other members. The members shall serve two (2) year terms and each member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed. The members shall be appointed such that the terms of not more than six (6) members shall expire in any year. The expiration date of all terms shall be May 31. During June of each year, the Mayor may designate one (1) member as Chairperson; however, in the absence of such designation, the Board shall on or after July 15, select a Chairperson from among its members. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place becomes vacant. The Board shall adopt rules consistent with the law for the government of its business and procedures.

SEC. 26.1503 Duties and Functions

The Board shall:

(a) Advise the Mayor and City Council on policy and issues relating to transportation, security at home, improved intergenerational interaction, meal delivery, housing, improved City-County cooperation, and other issues as determined by the Chair.

(b) Make recommendations for improving communications between seniors and City government; review City employment policies for seniors; perform studies and surveys as requested by the Mayor and Council; advise on relevant issues and formation of laws, policies, or procedures which may affect seniors; and report annually to the Mayor and Council on the "State of the Seniors" within The City of San Diego.

Section 3. Initial appointments shall be for terms commencing on the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 4. That a full reading of this ordinance is dispensed with prior to its final passage, a written or printed copy having been available to the City Council and the public a day prior to its final passage.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its passage.

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