

ORDINANCE NO. 1190

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE NORTH MIAMI CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," TO CODIFY THE CREATION OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1998, pursuant to Resolution No. 98-45, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami permanently established the North Miami Community Relations Board (CRB); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to codify the regulations that govern the CRB's membership, term, duties and powers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Chapter 2 of the North Miami Code of Ordinance is entitled "Administration" is amended as follows:

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ARTICLE III. BOARD, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS*

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DIVISION 8. COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD

Sec. 2-156. Created.

There is hereby created and established in North Miami an advisory board to be known as the City of North Miami Community Relations Board (CRB).

Sec. 2-157. Purpose.

The purpose of the Community Relations Board shall be to assist in the conciliation of community matters to help foster harmony while recognizing and appreciating the diverse nature of the population of the City.

Sec. 2-158. Membership, qualifications; terms.

The CRB shall consist of thirteen (13) members, with the Mayor and City Council to each appoint two (2) members and with three (3) members to be appointed by the entire Mayor and City Council. The membership of the Board shall be representative of the various social, racial, religious, linguistic, cultural, and economic groups comprising the population of the City. Each member shall be a resident of North Miami, with an outstanding reputation for community pride, interest, integrity, responsibility, and business or professional ability. Members shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years. Any member who for any reason misses either two (2) consecutive meetings or a total of three (3) meetings shall automatically cease being a member of the Board. Any member may also be removed by a three-fifths vote of the City Council.

Sec. 2-159. Organization; quorum; voting; rules of procedures; records of meetings.

The members of the CRB shall select and designate from its members a chairman, a vice-chairman and secretary. Seven (7) members of the CRB shall constitute a quorum. No action shall be taken except by a majority vote of those present at a duly constituted meeting of the CRB. The CRB shall meet at least monthly, and more if necessary, and may adopt By-Laws governing its meetings and actions on matters within its jurisdiction, not inconsistent with the provisions of this article, which By-Laws shall be filed with the City Clerk. Copies of the minutes of all CRB meetings shall be furnished to the City Council.

Sec. 2-160. Staff.

The administrative and legal staff of the City shall act as staff to the CRB.

Sec. 2-161. Duties and functions.

The functions of the CRB shall be:

- (a) To foster mutual understanding, tolerance, and respect among all economic, social, religious, racial and ethnic groups in the City.
- (b) To make studies in the field of community relations.
- (c) To act as conciliator in controversies involving community relations.
- (d) To cooperate with Federal, State, County and City agencies in developing harmonious community relations.

- (e) To cooperate in the development of educational programs dedicated to the improvement of community relations with, and to enlist the support of civic, religious, veterans, labor, industrial, commercial and eleemosynary groups, and private agencies engaged in the ideals of tolerance, mutual respect and understanding.
- (f) To recommend to the City Council such ordinances as will aid in carrying out the purposes of the Board.
- (g) To accept grants and donations on behalf of the City from foundations and others for the purpose of carrying out the above listed functions, subject to approval by the City Council.

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Section 2. **Repeal.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent are repealed.

Section 3. **Severability.** If any word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or Section of this Ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or Section of this Ordinance.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 26 day of JULY, 2005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 9 day of AUGUST, 2005



KEVIN A. BURNS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


FRANK WOLLAND
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


BARRY KUTUN
CITY ATTORNEY

08/10/05

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN SCOTT GALVIN

Moved by: COUNCILMAN GALVIN

Seconded by: COUNCILMAN DESPINOSSE

Vote:

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| Mayor Kevin A. Burns | <u>X</u> | (Yes) | _____ | (No) |
| Councilperson Scott Galvin | <u>X</u> | (Yes) | _____ | (No) |
| Councilperson Michael R. Blynn | <u>X</u> | (Yes) | _____ | (No) |
| Councilperson Jacques A. Despinosse | <u>X</u> | (Yes) | _____ | (No) |
| Vice-Mayor Marie Erlande Steril | _____ | (Yes) | _____ | (No) -AWAY FROM DAIS |