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ORDINANCE 2018-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-06 REGARDING HUMAN RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Town of Whitestown ("Town" or "Whitestown") to provide all of its citizens equal opportunity for education, employment, access to public conveniences and accommodations, and acquisition through purchase or rental of real property, including but not limited to housing, and to eliminate segregation or separation based solely on race, religion or religious beliefs, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, ancestry, or veteran status, since such segregation is an impediment to equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to better meet the purpose of eradicating prejudice and the practice of invidious discrimination, the Whitestown Town Council ("Town Council") previously adopted Ordinance 2015-06, which established THE Whitestown Human Relations Commission with the authority and responsibilities set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Whitestown Human Relations Commission (the "Commission") adopted Resolution No. 2017-02, which urged the Town Council to amend Ordinance 2015-06 and as compiled in the Whitestown Municipal Code at Chapter 2.95.010 Subsection (A)(2), to add two (2) new Commissioners to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council now desires to add two (2) new Commissioners to the Commission to further the policies of the Town and purposes of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. Amendments to Ordinance 2015-06. Sections 1(a)(2) and 1(a)(3) of Ordinance 2015-06 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(2) The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members ("Commissioners"), not more than four (4) of whom may be members of the same political party. The members shall be appointed by the Town Council President with the approval of the Town Council.

(3)

(A) Initial terms of the original five-member Commission shall be staggered such that two (2) Commissioners shall be appointed for an initial term of three (3) years, two (2) Commissioners shall be appointed for an initial term of two (2) years, and one (1) Commissioner shall be appointed for an initial term of one (1) year, and until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

(B) For the two (2) Commissioner seats added in 2018 (increasing total Commission members to seven (7)), one (1) new Commissioner shall be appointed for

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an initial term of two (2) years (ending 1/1/20), and one (1) new Commissioner shall be appointed for an initial term of three (3) years (ending 1/1/2021), and until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

Section 1(c)(2) of Ordinance 2015-06 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(2) The Commission shall hold regular meetings, and other meetings as called by the elected Chairman or four (4) Commissioners.

Section 2. **Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Ordinance should be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein, and/or the prior ordinances of the Town, shall not in any way be affected or impaired and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. **Conflicts.** The amendment set forth herein supersedes any inconsistent provisions in any Ordinance or part thereof. All other portions of Ordinance 2015-06 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Introduced on January, 10 2018, and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, on this 14 day of February, 2018.

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THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA	YAY/NAY
Eric Miller, President	Yes
Susan Austin, Vice-President	Yes
Kevin Russell	YAY
Clinton Bohm	YAY
Jeffrey Wishek	YAY

ATTEST:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Whitestown, Indiana
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