

Chapter 6

FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

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Sec 6-1. Commission Established.

There is hereby created the Moscow Fair and Affordable Housing Commission. The word “Commission” when used herein shall mean the Fair Housing Commission. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, this Commission shall consist of not more than nine (9) voting members, each to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and subject to the approval of the Council, to serve without compensation for a term of three (3) years, subject to removal by the Mayor with the advice and subject to the approval of the Council. A non-voting member of this Commission shall not be considered in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present. Not more than one (1) member of the Commission shall be an officer or employee of the City. If a vacancy occurs on the Commission, it shall be filled by the Mayor with the advice of and subject to the approval of the council for the unexpired term. A non-voting Council representative shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Commission. The original appointees to said Commission shall serve staggered terms. Not more than one (1) member shall reside outside of the City. Where possible, this Commission shall include at least one (1) student enrolled at least three quarters (3/4) time in a post secondary educational program, who shall serve a one (1) year term, which term may be renewed. At least one (1) student enrolled in high school or an equivalent educational program shall serve as a non-voting member of this Commission for a one (1) year term, which term may be renewed. This Commission shall also include at least one (1) Latah County resident who does not reside within City limits who shall serve as a non-voting

member of this Commission for a three (3) year term.
(Ord. 2008-23, 10/20/2008)

Sec 6-2. Powers and Duties.

- A. The Commission shall adopt internal procedures not inconsistent with the provisions of this or any other ordinances of the City. These rules shall provide for notification of Commission members by the chairperson in advance of meetings.
- B. Meetings of the Commission shall be held at least once annually at the call of the chairperson and at such other times as the Commission may determine. A quorum of a majority of the appointed members shall be necessary before the Commission may transact business.
- C. The Commission may suggest to Council various ways in which the City may further fair housing practices and affordable housing practices.
- D. The Commission may suggest ways to inform public housing industry providers, real estate owners, developers, building contractors, and housing advocates of their respective responsibilities and rights under the federal housing law and related amendments, and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.
- E. The Commission shall review, on at least an annual basis, the City Code Analysis and Impediments to Fair Housing and Action Plan and shall make recommendations to the Mayor, the Council and the City's Fair Housing Resource Representative for amendments or changes to such Plan as it deems necessary.
- F. The Commission shall review, on at least an annual basis, the City's efforts to promote affordable housing and shall make recommendations to the Mayor, the Council, and the City's Fair Housing Resource Representative to promote affordable housing practices.
- G. The Commission shall consult with the City's Fair Housing Resource Representative on fair housing

planning objectives, communications, and shall assist the Council and the City's Fair Housing Resource Representative in coordination and execution of the City's Fair Housing Action Plan, where appropriate.

- H. The Commission shall keep abreast of Federal and State law affecting fair housing and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council of necessary changes in the Moscow Fair and Affordable Housing Ordinance to keep the ordinance in conformity with Federal and State law.
- I. The Commission is authorized to recommend acceptance of Federal, State, or other assistance in formulating or carrying out programs to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices, and to cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies in carrying out such programs.
- J. The Commission may establish subcommittees and/or advisory committees to advise and assist it in carrying out duties of the Commission.
(Ord. 99-04, 02/16/1999; 2000-21, 09/18/2000; 2022-05, 02/22/2022)

Sec. 6-3. Reports.

The Commission shall make reports from time to time as requested by the Mayor and/or the Council.