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AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CITY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE FOR THE HANDICAPPED

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

I

There is hereby created a City Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Handicapped which shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents of the City. They shall be appointed by the City Council. In addition, there shall be ex-officio members with the right to attend meetings and speak on questions before the Committee; but such ex-officio members shall have no vote and shall not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum. The following individuals shall be ex-officio members:

- a) one employee from the Public Inspection Department;
- b) one employee from the Engineering Department;
- c) one employee from the Public Transit Department;
- d) one employee from the Public Works Department; and
- e) one employee from the City Attorney's Office.

II

The purpose of the Committee is to develop short-term and long-term plans according to which City-owned buildings and facilities may be made more accessible to disabled and elderly people, to report such plans to the City Council periodically, and to work actively with the various City departments to eliminate barriers faced by disabled and elderly people.

III

The first Committee members' terms shall be staggered in accordance with the following schedule:

- a) Three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of one year;
- b) Four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of two years.

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All of the above appointments shall be made effective upon the date of final passage of this ordinance. Upon the expiration of the above appointments, the terms of office for the members of the Committee, other than ex-officio members, shall be two years.

IV

The members of the Committee shall serve until their successors are appointed and shall be subject to removal under the terms of the City Charter concerning officers appointed by the Mayor.

V

The Accessibility Compliance Coordinator of the City shall be the secretary of the Committee and shall act without pay other than the salary received by him as Accessibility Compliance Coordinator of the City. He shall keep a record of the transactions of the Committee and shall provide the Committee with data and information relating to barriers faced by disabled and elderly people in the City.

VI

The Committee shall perform the following duties:

- a) act as an advisory board to the City Council on all matters pertaining to barriers faced by disabled and elderly people in the City;
- b) undertake such studies as deemed necessary by the Committee or the City Council in an ongoing effort to eliminate barriers to the disabled and elderly people in the City;
- c) report to the City Council the results of any such studies it has undertaken, together with its recommendations;
- d) appoint Subcommittees to study barriers faced by disabled and elderly people in the City in designated specific areas, e.g. employment, transportation, parking, etc; and

- e) prepare and distribute to City Council a quarterly report detailing its activities.

The Committee and any appointed Subcommittees shall meet at least once a month. Committee and Subcommittee members shall be notified by mail of the date, time and place of the meeting at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17 day of March, 1987.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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