

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Purpose: The Human Rights Commission has the power to investigate alleged discrimination. Other programs include:

- The study of existence, character, cause, and extent of discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations, property rights, education and public services.
- Advises and provides a forum for those subjected to unfair and discriminatory practices in the City and County.
- Advise city officials concerning issues of discrimination.
- Conducting educational programs and disseminate information further the committee's policy to eliminate discrimination in the city.
- As appointed by the Mayor, serve as the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) liaison for the City of Brookings.

Membership:

- Members: 10 (9 City, 1 County)
- Term: 3 years (1 year term for student position)
- Residency: not required
- Appointment: First Monday of January

Legal reference: Brookings City Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-141 thru 2-147 Ordinance No. 2-93, Ordinance No. 18-92, Ordinance No. 24-91, Ordinance No. 02-90, Ordinance No. 28-84, Resolution No. 65-92, Ordinance No. 15-005.

Meeting Schedule:

- Day: Monthly, varies
- Time: Varies
- Location: Brookings City & County Government Center, Suite 230, Room 241
- Phone: 692-6281

Current County Appointment:

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- Appointment: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022