

Procedures and Regulations Committee Agenda Cover Memorandum

Meeting Date: February 5, 2008

Item Title: Modification to Article 14, Chapter 14 - Fair Housing Complaint Procedure

Committee Action Requested:

- Approval
 For discussion
 Feedback requested

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Background:

On September 26, 2007 the Fair housing Commission, on recommendation of the City Attorney, approved a revision to the complaint procedure. Previously, the Commission would both investigate and adjudicate the complaint, which causes a conflict. The proposed process would have the City Manager investigate the complaint and then issue a report to the Commission. The Commission may then have a conciliation conference if they so chose. If there is believed to be a bona fide complaint, the complaint will be forwarded on to the Administrative Hearing Officer for a hearing.

At the December 4, 2008 P&R Committee meeting, the Committee came to consensus to modify the ordinance to say that the Fair Housing Commission will hold a conciliation conference only if the City Manager finds that probable cause exists, based on his or her investigation of the complaint.

Recommendation:

Move approval of the proposed ordinance language to change the Fair Housing complaint procedure and place on the next City Council agenda for first reading.

Budget Implications:

Does Action Require an Expenditure of Funds: Yes No
If Yes, Total Cost:
If Yes, is this a Budgeted Item: Yes No

Attachments:

- Draft Ordinance