

Chapter 14

SENIOR SERVICES*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 14-1. Department established; purposes.

- (a) A department of senior services is hereby established.
- (b) The department shall:
- (1) carry out programs and services to assist and enrich the lives of the city's senior citizens, including operation of the city's senior center(s).
 - (2) coordinate the city's consumer services and transportation programs, for the benefit of the general population of the city.

(b) The department shall coordinate the functions of the council on aging and the advisory board to said council. The department shall aid in implementing the council's policies and programs. (Ord. No. X-175, 05-26-05)

Sec. 14-2. Director; appointment and functions.

There shall be a director of senior services who shall exercise supervision over and direct the personnel and activities of the department; and serve as advisor to the mayor and other department heads on concerns of senior citizens. (Ord. No. X-175, 05-26-05)

Secs. 14-3—14-10. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. COUNCIL ON AGING

Sec. 14-11. Established; membership; terms; chairperson.

There is hereby established within the city a council on aging consisting of nine (9) members to be appointed by the mayor with the advice of the council on aging and the approval of the board of aldermen, who shall serve without compensation. Such members shall be residents of the city and shall serve for terms not exceeding three (3) years. Annually, all new members shall be appointed for a three-year term, but no member may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms. Each member shall continue to serve after the expiration of his term until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. Vacancies shall be filled for the period of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The chairperson of the council on aging shall be designated by the

* **Cross references**—Administration generally, Ch. 2; senior services volunteer program, Ch. 27; veterans' services, Ch. 28

mayor with the approval of the council. Notwithstanding the preceding language in regard to term limitations, the chairperson of the council may serve for two (2) consecutive terms as chairperson and may continue to serve on the council for one (1) term thereafter. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 2-297; Rev. Ords. 2001, § 14-79; Ord. No. V-53, 12-18-95; Ord. No. X-175, 05-26-05)

Editor's note—As amended in 1969, this section provided that the original appointees were to be appointed for staggered terms of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years.

Cross references—Regulations governing appointment to and service on commissions and committees, § 2-8; advisory council of health, § 12-20; senior citizens sticker parking, § 19-198

State law reference—Councils on aging, G.L. c. 40, § 8B

Sec. 14-12. Duties.

(a) It shall be the duty of the council to carry out studies, initiate and implement programs designed to meet the problems of the aging of this community in coordination and consistent with programs of the Massachusetts department of elder affairs established under section 1 of chapter 19A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and consonant with the enabling legislation in chapter 40, section 8B, as amended, and consistent with the functions of the department of senior services established under section 14-1.

(b) The council shall advise and consult with the director of senior services relative to that department's programs and services for senior citizens. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 2-298; Rev. Ords. 2001, § 14-80; Ord. No. 80, 7-28-75; Ord. No. X-175, 05-26-05)

Sec. 14-13. Rules authorized.

The council may, with the approval of the mayor, and the knowledge of the director of the department of senior services, establish its own rules and regulations to assure the greatest effectiveness in its organization and function consistent with the purposes of this chapter and the provisions of section 1 of chapter 19A and section 8B of chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 2-299; Rev. Ords. 2001, § 14-81; Ord. No. 80, 7-28-75; Ord. No. X-175, 05-26-05)

Sec. 14-14. Meetings, reports.

The council shall meet as such not less often than ten (10) times during the year and shall submit a written report of its doings and planning to the mayor with such frequency and at such times as they may request but not less often than annually; a copy of such annual report to be also transmitted to the board of aldermen and the department of elder affairs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The director of the department of senior services shall be given notice of said meetings and shall have the right to be present. Five members of the council shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those present shall be sufficient for any action taken by the council. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 2-300; Rev. Ords. 2001, § 14-82; Ord. No. 80, 7-28-75; Ord. No. V-53, 12-18-95; Ord. No. X-175, 05-26-05)

Sec. 14-15. Cooperation with state, federal governments.

The council on aging shall keep informed and remain cognizant of all state and federal legislation concerning funding and program planning for the aging to the benefit of the community as a whole. Any federal or state grants for these purposes received shall be reflected by the council in its annual budget to be approved by the mayor and board of aldermen. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 2-301; Rev. Ords. 2001, § 14-83; Ord. No. X-175, 05-26-05)

Sec. 14-16. Advisory board.

The mayor shall appoint, with the advice of the council, an unpaid advisory board to the council on aging consisting of not more than twenty (20) members, each appointed for a term of two (2) years, to include so far as

practicable persons representative of the following groups or organizations: service clubs, social agencies, clergy, veterans, housing, health, education, law and law enforcement, recreation, medical, city government and others, as he may deem advisable, whose duty it shall be to advise the council and offer recommendations in respect to problems of the aging. This board shall meet at least six (6) times each year. The director of the department of senior services shall be given notice of said meetings and he or his designee shall have the right to be present. The advisory board shall meet with the council at least three (3) times a year for the purpose of communicating to it the results of its deliberations and to present any recommendations. The board shall annually elect one of its members as chairperson and may elect other officers as it deems necessary. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 2-302; Rev. Ords. 2001, § 14-84; Ord. No. 80, 7-28-75; Ord. No. X-175, 05-26-05)

Cross reference—Regulations governing appointment to and service on commissions and boards, § 7-1