

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 2, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
CRANSTON, 2005 , ENTITLED “Administration and Personnel”
(Tourism Commission)

No.

Passed:

Michael J Farina, Council President

Approved:

Allan W. Fung, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 2 “Administration and Personnel,” is hereby amended by adding the following:

2.90.00 Tourism Commission

2.90.010 Created and Purpose

There is created a commission, to be called the Tourism Commission, the purpose of which is to promote the arts, culture, recreation, and tourism within the City of Cranston.

2.90.020 Members and Terms

The tourism commission shall consist of eleven members as follows:

- Two members of the City Council; one appointed by the majority party, and one appointed by the minority party;
- The Director of Economic Development;
- The President of the Greater Cranston Chamber of Commerce;
- One member of the Cranston Arts Commission, appointed by the Cranston Arts Commission.
- Two members of the public appointed by the Administration, one of which shall reside in Eastern Cranston, and the other shall reside in Western Cranston;
- Two members of the public appointed by the majority party, one of which shall reside in Eastern Cranston, and one which shall reside in Western Cranston;
- Two members of the public appointed by the minority party, one of which shall reside in Eastern Cranston, and one which shall reside in Western Cranston;

The appointees shall have three-year terms. All members of the commission may vote on any matter coming before the tourism commission, except as the ethics laws of the state of Rhode Island may provide. After a member had three consecutive absences without adequate reason, the commission may remove that member. Should a member be removed, the city council will make a new appointment.

2.90.030 Officers

49 At its first meeting the tourism commission shall elect a chair, vice chair and secretary
50 who shall hold office for one year. At the anniversary of the initial meeting the chair or
51 vice chair shall preside over the elections for chair, vice chair and secretary.

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53 **2.90.040 Meetings, Quorum, and Secretary**

54 The commission shall hold an official meeting monthly and may hold special meetings as
55 set by the commission. A quorum of six members shall be necessary for any action by
56 the tourism commission. Provided a quorum is present, any item must be approved by a
57 simple majority of voting members for said item to pass. The secretary shall keep an
58 accurate record of the proceedings of the commission, and the tourism commission shall
59 make and file with the city council a report of all activities at the city council meeting in
60 February and July of each year.

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62 **2.90.050 Rules and Regulations**

63 The commission shall establish such rules and regulations for its government and
64 procedures consistent with the laws of the state and the ordinances of the city.

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66 **2.90.060 Powers and Duties**

67 a) The commission shall be specifically responsible for, but not limited to, the
68 following:

- 69 i) the mission of the commission shall be to promote tourism in Cranston;
- 70 ii) the commission shall be to ensure the continued development of a vibrant city through
71 the promotion of culture, arts, and recreation to those within, and beyond, the City;
- 72 iii) the commission shall assist the city council and administration in promoting tourism;

73 b) The commission shall have the authority and power to solicit funds or grants from
74 individuals, corporations and other government agencies. Such funds shall be deposited
75 in the Cranston Tourism Commission account in the city budget, to be dispensed by
76 tourism commission in pursuit of its assigned mission. Any dispersal of funds may occur
77 only with the concurrence of the mayor. Should the mayor and commission disagree
78 regarding the dispensation of funds, the dispute shall be submitted to the city council for
79 final resolution. In all cases commission expenditures shall be subject to all provisions of
80 law including local budget laws.

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82 **2.90.070 Policies**

83 a) The commission shall operate as a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization devoted
84 exclusively to its mission.

85 b) The commission shall operate in the general public interest serving the
86 community as a whole. It shall serve no special interests.

87 c) The commission shall not endorse any commercial product or enterprise.

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89 **SECTION 2:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

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91 Positive Endorsement

Negative Endorsement (attach reasons)

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City Solicitor Date

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City Solicitor

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96 Sponsored by: Councilmember Donegan. Co-Sponsored by Councilmembers Vargas and
97 Brady

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99 Referred to: July 11, 2019 Ordinance Committee