

City of Wilsonville Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Charter

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The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is hereby created as a deliberative and recommending body of the City Manager's Office, subject to the following:

Section 1. Name of Committee: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee ("Committee").

Section 2. Purpose: To create a culture of acceptance and mutual respect that acknowledges differences and strives for equitable outcomes of opportunity, access and inclusion by:

A. Advising the Wilsonville City Council ("Council") on policy decisions related to diversity, equitable outcomes, and inclusion;

B. Making recommendations to the Council on public engagement strategies and methods by which all Wilsonville residents have the opportunity to better participate in the decision-making process;

C. Advising the City on culturally responsive service delivery, programming, and communication strategies;

D. Creating, updating and overseeing progress on the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan;

E. Identifying local community leaders and building more leadership capacity in Wilsonville's diverse communities.

Section 3. Appointment: The Mayor appoints and the City Council confirms Committee members, who serve at the pleasure of the Council.

Section 4. Membership:

A. *Number of Members.* The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) to thirteen (13) members.

B. *Residency.* Members must reside, own a business, or attend school within the City of Wilsonville city limits. A majority of members appointed must reside within the City limits. The

Council can appoint a member or members to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee who does not meet any of these residency criteria if it is determined that the member brings significant value to the Committee.

C. Appointments. The Council will appoint the committee members. The Council will strive to appoint members to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee who bring their lived experiences regardless of their immutable traits including but not limited to race, ethnicity, LGBTQ+, gender, socio-economic status/history, differently abled, age amongst other identities. Appointed members will be expected to think broadly in terms of how issues of racism, sexism, ableism, and other discriminatory and prejudicial biases impact all residents in Wilsonville.

D. Terms. Committee Terms are for three years, commencing with January of each year. All members may serve two consecutive three-year terms. Members who have served two full terms may be reappointed to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee after a one-year hiatus from the Committee. A vacancy in a position may be appointed to fulfill the remainder of any term. Terms of appointment for less than three (3) years shall not count towards the maximum time of service, including partial term appointments to fill vacancies.

E. Removal. A Committee member may be removed for misconduct or nonperformance of duty by motion, requesting that a member be removed by the Council. A committee member can be absent from four (4) meetings in one (1) calendar year, after the fifth absence in one (1) calendar year, the committee member will automatically be removed from the committee.

F. Youth Members. The Council will appoint up to two (2) Wilsonville-area high school student(s) to serve up to (2) two one (1) year term on the Committee. The youth member(s) will be a voting member(s).

Section 5. Organization:

A. At the first meeting of each fiscal year, the Committee will elect a chair and vice-chair from the voting members.

B. The Chair (Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair) will preside over all meetings.

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- C. An appointed City staff person or outside contractor will serve as secretary to keep notes of each public meeting and assist with administrative tasks.
- D. The Committee will meet on an agreed-upon schedule at least four (4) times per year. The Chair may also call a special meeting with one week's advance notice. Such meeting notice may be given by email or regular mail.
- E. A meeting may be held without a quorum; however, to vote on a matter the committee must have a quorum present which will consist of a simple majority of appointed voting members.
- F. Committee members may participate in a meeting by telephone or videoconference.
- G. Unless falling under an exemption to public meetings laws, all meetings will otherwise be public meetings, announced and conducted in accordance with public meeting requirements.

H. Except as provided under Oregon Public Meetings Law, the Rules of Parliamentary Law and Practice as in Roberts Rules of Order Revised Edition (“Roberts Rules”) shall govern each committee meeting. In the event of a conflict between Oregon Public Meetings Law and Roberts Rules, Oregon Public Meetings Law shall control.

Section 6. Voting: All members are entitled to vote in person (including by telephone or video conference) at a meeting. Proxies are not allowed. A majority vote of the members voting on the question will be required to carry any matters submitted. A member who abstains from a vote shall be counted as present for purposes of the quorum but not counted as having voted on the question.

Section 7. Amendments: Recommendations to amend this Charter may be made at a regular or special board meeting and approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the entire Committee. Such recommendations shall be reviewed by the City Attorney for legal compliance and conformance to City Code, and thereafter be presented to City Council for approval.