

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS - September 2022

NAME OF BOARD	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION	STAFF COMMENTS
Commission on Seniors	Edit Name of Commission to "Commission on Aging" including updating all related references to "Seniors" to "Aging" or "Aging Adults" as appropriate.	Whereas the term “seniors” is falling out of use when describing older adults; while the term “aging” brings to mind a dynamic process that leads to new abilities and knowledge that continues to contribute to the community; and renaming the Commission on Seniors the Commission on Aging would be consistent with names of other similar commissions and with the name of local, state, and national agencies and organizations addressing the needs of older adults. Related Recommendation Number: 20220713-13.	Staff recommends. Requires Ordinance to amend City Code § 2-1-132 Name, (D)
	Edit Article 2 PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS - to change language referencing senior members of the public to "older adults."		Staff recommends. Requires Ordinance to amend City Code § 2-1-132 (A)
	Add Article 3 (B): MEMBERSHIP - to add details regarding membership requirements. Remaining subsection in Article 3 to be renumbered accordingly. New section to read: "The commission should include members who are representatives of older adults who are sensitive to the needs of the older adult population. Members should have substantive knowledge on issues concerning older adults including but not limited to health, affordable housing, basic needs, transportation, social engagement and inclusion, and caregiver support. The commission should be inclusive and represent a diversity of ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, socioeconomic status, and national origin; and include older adults who are representatives of the Austin community."		Staff recommends. Requires Ordinance to amend City Code § 2-1-132 (C)
	Edit Article 8 (A): COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS - to edit the name of the Commission to include "Aging" instead of "Seniors"		Staff Recommends