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ORDINANCE NO. 2377

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LEBANON CREATING
AN ADVISORY COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS THE MOUNT LEBANON
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Preamble:

The Community Relations Commission being created by this ordinance is being established by the Board of Township Commissioners neither to hasten or to impede the movement of members of any ethnic group into the Township. It is not intended to act as an agent for accelerated change to the composition of the resident body of the Township. The Commission, if dealing with housing questions, shall seek to protect the full rights of both the buyer and the seller under all applicable laws. It shall exist to aid and insure natural processes, free from frictions and pressures.

The Commission shall serve as the arm of the Township Government working for compliance by the citizens with all of the laws, both State and Federal, pertaining to the area of Human Relations.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Township Commissioners of the Township of Mount Lebanon, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same;

SECTION 1. Creation of Commission.

There is hereby established an advisory commission to be known as the Mount Lebanon Community Relations Commission, which shall consist of six (6) members appointed by the Board of Township Commissioners with at least one member appointed from each Ward in the Township, which Commission shall continue and function at the pleasure of the Board of Township Commissioners.

SECTION 2. Appointment and Term of Office.

The members of the Community Relations Commission shall be residents of the Township, appointed by the Board of Township Commissioners to serve staggered terms, some members to be appointed for one year, some members to be appointed for two years, and some members to be appointed for three years.

SECTION 3. Purpose.

The purpose of the Community Relations Commission is to encourage compliance with all laws, Federal and State, respecting the rights of citizens, to educate the citizenry with respect thereto, to function in a conciliatory manner regarding problems which may arise regarding citizen rights; to establish a position of community leadership with respect to all matters of community relations among citizens; and to advise the Board of Township Commissioners in connection therewith.

SECTION 4. Duties and Function.

The Community Relations Commission shall inform itself concerning all problems and frictions which may now or hereafter exist within the Township of Mount Lebanon coming within the aforementioned Purpose; shall make such studies and investigations as appear helpful; it shall investigate complaints and hold hearings as it deems necessary; shall attempt to conciliate any problems which may develop in the area of citizen's rights either by invitation or where the members of the Commission believe they should be active without invitation; and shall bring to the attention of the Township Commissioners such problems and developments in this area as they feel should be considered by the Board of Township Commissioners, together with their advice and recommendations with respect thereto. It shall inform the community with respect to the rights of all citizens by conducting educational programs and distributing informative material. The Commission shall file a report in writing with the Township Commissioners annually.

SECTION 5. Organization.

The Community Relations Commission shall establish such rules of procedure and such internal organization as the Commission may from time to time think advisable.

SECTION 6. Monies and Staff Assistance.

The Township Commissioners may grant funds for the use of the Commission from time to time at the request of the Commission and the Commission shall, at all times, have the advice and assistance of the staff regularly employed by the Township of Mount Lebanon.

SECTION 7. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 12th day of December, 1966.

ATTEST:

THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LEBANON

Robert A. Finley
Secretary

By Gilbert K. Phares
President (Gilbert K. Phares)
Board of Township Commissioners

This is to certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2377 of the Township of Mount Lebanon is true and correct and that the same was published in the Mount Lebanon News under date of December 21, 1966.

Robert A. Finley
Robert A. Finley-Township Manager-Secretary

