



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

CB 118873

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**Title:** AN ORDINANCE changing the name of the Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Commission to the Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Commission; amending Chapter 3.14 and Section 15.52.005 of the Seattle Municipal Code to reflect the name change.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Herbold

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

**Attachments:**

Drafter: linda.diibon@seattle.gov

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|----------|---|------------|-----------------|--|-----------|--------------|---------|
| 1        | City Clerk  | 11/29/2016 | sent for review | Council<br>President's Office  |           |              |         |
|          | <b>Action Text:</b> The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office  |            |                 |  |           |              |         |
|          | <b>Notes:</b>   |            |                 |  |           |              |         |
| 1        | Council President's Office  | 12/05/2016 | sent for review | Civil Rights,<br>Utilities, Economic<br>Development, and<br>Arts Committee |           |              |         |
|          | <b>Action Text:</b> The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee |            |                 |  |           |              |         |
|          | <b>Notes:</b>   |            |                 |  |           |              |         |
| 1        | Full Council  | 12/12/2016 | referred        | Civil Rights,<br>Utilities, Economic<br>Development, and<br>Arts Committee |           |              |         |

**Legislative Summary Continued (CB 118873)**

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1 Civil Rights, Utilities, 12/13/2016 pass Pass  
Economic Development,  
and Arts Committee

Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 1 Chair Herbold

Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 12/16/2016 passed Pass

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:

Notes:

In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember  
González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold,  
Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember  
O'Brien

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 12/20/2016 submitted for Mayor  
Mayor's signature

1 Mayor 12/21/2016 Signed

1 Mayor 12/21/2016 returned City Clerk

1 City Clerk 12/21/2016 attested by City  
Clerk

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.

Notes:

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125231  
COUNCIL BILL 118873

AN ORDINANCE changing the name of the Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Commission to the Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Commission; amending Chapter 3.14 and Section 15.52.005 of the Seattle Municipal Code to reflect the name change.

WHEREAS, multiple people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender, or otherwise face marginalization due to their sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression, also use “queer” as an inclusive and umbrella term to describe their communities; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 The City of Seattle included sexual orientation as a protected category when it adopted the Fair Employment Ordinance prohibiting discrimination in employment, and in 1975 added sexual orientation as a protected category for illegal discrimination in housing; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the late 1980s, queer scholars, activists, community members, and workers began to reclaim the term “queer” to establish a sense of community and assert a distinct politicized identity to be civically engaged. Queer identities may be adopted by those who reject traditional gender identities and seek a broader, more inclusive term that encompasses their full humanity; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 The City of Seattle created the Mayor’s Lesbian and Gay Task Force, since renamed the Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Commission; and

WHEREAS, “queer” is an umbrella term sometimes used by people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and other identification terms that seek to empower people marginalized within society due to gender identity and sexual orientation; and

1 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle values being an open and inclusive city for all of its residents,  
2 including those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ); and

3 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle collaborates with multiple non-profit and community  
4 organizations that consider the term “LGBTQ” to be a current and inclusive term; and

5 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle has been an advocate for the legal rights for all individuals,  
6 including people that identify as queer; and

7 WHEREAS; The City of Seattle advocates for greater awareness of discrimination faced by  
8 young people who use “queer” as a positive identity in which to feel empowered; NOW,

9 THEREFORE,

10 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

11 Section 1. Subsection 3.14.535.E of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was  
12 enacted by Ordinance 123822, is amended as follows:

13 **3.14.535 Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission—Purposes and ((Duties))**

14 **duties ((-))**

15 \* \* \*

16 E. Meet on a quarterly basis through a designated representative with the Seattle  
17 Women’s Commission, the Seattle Human Rights Commission, the Seattle ((LGBT)) LGBTQ  
18 (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Commission, and the Seattle Commission for  
19 People with Disabilities, to ensure coordination and joint project development; and

20 \* \* \*

21 Section 2. Section 3.14.900 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
22 123219, is amended as follows:

1               **3.14.900 Office established—Purpose ((s))**

2               There is established in the Executive Department an Office for Civil Rights to provide  
3 citywide leadership and guidance in the areas of civil rights and equal opportunity. It shall  
4 promote equal access to services within The City of Seattle and work to eliminate discrimination  
5 in housing, employment, and public accommodations for Seattle residents; recommend policies  
6 to all departments and divisions of City government in matters affecting civil rights and equal  
7 opportunity to all people; recommend legislation for the implementation of such programs and  
8 policies; promote awareness within City government and The City of Seattle through public  
9 education and outreach; and provide staff support for the Seattle Women's Commission, the  
10 Seattle Human Rights Commission, the Seattle ((LGBT)) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,  
11 Transgender, Queer) Commission, and the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities.

12               Section 3. Section 3.14.910 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
13 123219, is amended as follows:

14               **3.14.910 Director—Appointment ((s))**

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16               D.       Provide staff support for the Seattle Women's Commission, the Seattle Human  
17 Rights Commission, the Seattle ((LGBT)) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,  
18 Queer) Commission, and the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities; ((and)) consult  
19 with and report regularly to the Seattle Women's Commission, the Seattle Human Rights  
20 Commission, the Seattle ((LGBT)) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer)  
21 Commission, and the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities on the workings of the  
22 Office for Civil Rights ((s)) ; and attend, either in person or by designated representative, all  
23 regular meetings of the Seattle Women's Commission, the Seattle Human Rights Commission,

1 the Seattle (~~LGBT~~) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Commission, and  
2 the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities (~~(7)~~) ;

3 \* \* \*

4 H. Make periodic reports and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council  
5 concerning the operations of the Seattle Women's Commission, the Seattle Human Rights  
6 Commission, the Seattle (~~LGBT~~) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer)  
7 Commission, the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities, and the Office for Civil  
8 Rights;

9 \* \* \*

10 Section 4. Section 3.14.920 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
11 123734, is amended as follows:

12 **3.14.920 Commission—Established—Membership (~~(7)~~)**

13 There is established a Seattle Women's Commission, to be composed of (~~(twenty (20))~~)  
14 20 members appointed from among those persons who are conscious of the discrimination  
15 against and oppression of women in this society, and who are working to eliminate these  
16 injustices; a Seattle Human Rights Commission, to be composed of (~~(fifteen (15))~~) 15 members  
17 who shall be representative residents and shall include representatives of minority communities,  
18 other protected classes, and persons with a demonstrated concern and background in human  
19 rights; a Seattle (~~LGBT~~) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Commission,  
20 to be composed of (~~(fifteen (15))~~) 15 members appointed from among those persons who are  
21 conscious of the discrimination against and oppression of lesbians, gays, and sexual minorities in  
22 (~~(the))~~ this society, and who are working to eliminate these injustices (~~(7)~~) ; and a Seattle  
23 Commission for People with Disabilities, to be composed of (~~(fifteen (15))~~) 15 members

1 appointed from among those persons who are conscious of the discrimination against ((§)) and  
2 oppression and neglect of people with disabilities, and who are working to eliminate these  
3 injustices. Upon the expiration of existing terms, new appointments to each position on each  
4 commission shall be made under this ~~((section))~~ Section 3.14.920 by the authority originally  
5 appointing persons to that position, as follows:

6 \* \* \*

7 B. Seattle Human Rights Commission, Seattle ~~((LGBT))~~ LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay,  
8 Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Commission, and Seattle Commission for People with  
9 Disabilities: For each of these commissions, seven ~~((7))~~ members shall be appointed by the  
10 Mayor, seven ~~((7))~~ members shall be appointed by the City Council, and the fifteenth member  
11 shall be appointed by the Commission as constituted; provided, that such appointments shall be  
12 made so as to reflect the diversity of the community.

13 C. Pursuant to the Get Engaged program, ~~((SMC))~~ Chapter 3.51, one ~~((1))~~  
14 designated young adult position shall be added to each of these four commissions: the Seattle  
15 Women's Commission, the Seattle Human Rights Commission, the Seattle ~~((LGBT))~~ LGBTQ  
16 (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Commission, and the Seattle Commission for  
17 People with Disabilities. The terms of service related to a young adult member's role on each of  
18 these ~~((Commissions))~~ commissions shall be as set forth in ~~((SMC))~~ Chapter 3.51.

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20 Section 5. Subsection 3.14.930.F of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was last  
21 amended by Ordinance 123219, is amended as follows:

22 **3.14.930 Seattle Women's Commission—Duties ((-))**

23 \* \* \*

1 F. Meet on a quarterly basis through a designated representative with the Seattle  
2 Human Rights Commission, the Seattle ((LGBT)) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,  
3 Transgender, Queer) Commission, and the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities to  
4 ensure coordination and joint project development.

5 Section 6. Subsection 3.14.931.G of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was last  
6 amended by Ordinance 124960, is amended as follows:

7 **3.14.931 Seattle Human Rights Commission—Duties ((~~r~~))**

8 \* \* \*

9 G. Meet on a quarterly basis through a designated representative with the Seattle  
10 Women’s Commission, the Seattle ((LGBT)) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,  
11 Queer) Commission, and the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities to ensure  
12 coordination and joint project development.

13 Section 7. Section 3.14.932 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
14 123219, is amended as follows:

15 **3.14.932 Seattle ((LGBT)) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer)**  
16 **Commission—Duties ((~~r~~))**

17 The Seattle ((LGBT)) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer)  
18 Commission shall:

19 \* \* \*

20 Section 8. Subsection 3.14.933.F of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was  
21 enacted by Ordinance 123219, is amended as follows:

22 **3.14.933 Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities—Duties ((~~r~~))**

23 \* \* \*



1 F. Meet on a quarterly basis through a designated representative with the Seattle  
2 Women’s Commission, the Seattle Human Rights Commission, and the Seattle ((LGBT))  
3 LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Commission to ensure coordination and  
4 joint project development.

5 Section 9. Section 3.14.940, last amended by Ordinance 123219, is amended as follows:

6 **3.14.940 Commission—Organization—Adoption of rules ((-))**

7 The Seattle Women’s Commission, the Seattle Human Rights Commission, the Seattle  
8 ((LGBT)) LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Commission, and the Seattle  
9 Commission for People with Disabilities shall each organize itself and shall adopt such rules and  
10 administrative procedures for its own governance, consistent with City Charter and ordinances,  
11 as are necessary for its functions and responsibilities.

12 Section 10. Section 15.52.005 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
13 124860, is amended as follows:

14 **15.52.005 Definitions**

15 The following terms, when used in this Chapter 15.52, shall have the following  
16 meanings:

17 \* \* \*

18 4. “Community event” means an event with one or more of the following  
19 characteristics:

- 20 a. The event is free and open to all members of the public;
- 21 b. The event provides a public benefit and/or stimulates economic or  
22 cultural activity within a neighborhood or neighborhood business district that benefits multiple

1 locally ((-)) owned businesses and/or organizations (including street fairs and block parties in  
2 which multiple locally ((-)) owned businesses will participate);

3 c. The event is organized by neighborhood-based groups,  
4 community-based organizations, ad-hoc groups, business groups (such as chambers of  
5 commerce), or groups that do not have a geographic base (such as racial or ethnic groups,  
6 ((LGBT)) LGBTQ groups, cultural groups, or a disability community);

7 d. The event has received a government grant to produce the event  
8 (not including sponsorships);

9 e. The event is organized by a non-profit entity; or

10 f. The event is anticipated to require less than 300 hours of police  
11 officer time.

12 \* \* \*

13 Section 11. In all ordinances passed prior to this ordinance, including both codified and  
14 uncodified ordinances, references to the Seattle LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender)  
15 Commission shall be deemed references to the Seattle LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,  
16 Transgender, Queer) Commission, except when the historical reference to either the Seattle  
17 Commission for Sexual Minorities or Seattle LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender)  
18 Commission is called for by context.

19 Section 12. In the event any section or subsection of the Seattle Municipal Code  
20 authorized to be amended by this ordinance has previously been repealed, that earlier repeal shall  
21 be given full effect, and nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to re-enact or preserve that  
22 section or subsection.

1           Section 13. Severability. The several provisions of this ordinance are declared to be  
2 separate and severable and the invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section,  
3 or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or  
4 circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance of the validity of its  
5 application to other persons or circumstances.

1 Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016,  
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
6 December, 2016.

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8 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

9 Approved by me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2016.

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11 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2016.

13   
14 for Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

15 (Seal)