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**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE**  
**TWENTY SECOND COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. O-17-37 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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ORDINANCE

Amending The Americans With Disabilities Act Advisory Council Ordinance §2-6-5-1 Through §2-6-5-6, ROA 1994; Reducing The Number Of Advisory Council Members And Revising Member Qualifications (Peña)

AMENDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COUNCIL ORDINANCE §2-6-5-1 THROUGH §2-6-5-6, ROA 1994; REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REVISING MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

SECTION 1. § 2-6-5-3 MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION is hereby amended as follows:

“The ABQ ADA Council shall be comprised of 7 members, whom shall be individuals with disabilities. All efforts will be made to ensure cross-disability representation in the selection of ABQ ADA Council members.

(A) The mayor shall appoint the ABQ ADA Council members subject to the advice and consent of the City Council. Both the Mayor and individual City Councilors may recommend potential Board members to the Mayor.

(B) ABQ ADA Council members shall serve without compensation.

(C) The ABQ ADA Council shall select, by majority vote, two of the appointees as the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Council.”

SECTION 2. § 2-6-5-4 MEETINGS is hereby amended as follows:

“ (A) The ABQ ADA Council shall meet monthly.

(B) Because of the special considerations of persons with disabilities, a member of the Council may participate in the meeting by means of a conference telephone, web based broadcast such as skype or other similar communications equipment and/or software when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member to attend in person, provided that each member participating by such methods can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the Council who speaks during the meeting.

(C) The Council shall comply with all applicable policies, ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of the city.”

SECTION 3. § 2-6-5-5 DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS is hereby amended as follows:

“The mission of the ABQ ADA Advisory Council is to support the civil rights of, and full integration into, Albuquerque community life for all people with disabilities. The ABQ ADA Advisory Council shall:

(A) Advise the Mayor and City Council on issues affecting people with disabilities.

(B) Provide a public forum to identify, discuss, and address issues relevant to people with disabilities.

(C) Report on accessibility problems around the city.

(D) Provide information to the city's ADA Coordinator about disability concerns expressed by the public.

(E) Provide information, educational opportunities and networking opportunities to all citizens with disabilities.

(F) Establish criteria for prioritizing the remedial steps to address access needs within the community.

(G) Develop operating procedures for the ABQ ADA Council.

(H) Review city government program services and activity access for physical, sensory, or other impediments.

(I) Review city codes with the city's Office of Diversity & Human Rights relating to disability rights and access.

(J) Make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding a community transition plan that addresses: barriers (non-structural) to city programs, services and activities and barriers

(structural) to city facilities including parks and trails.

(K) Create an Advisory Committee comprised of at least 3 developmentally disabled citizens, and/or their advocates, to provide input to the ABQ ADA Council to ensure their issues are being addressed.”

SECTION 4. § 2-6-5-6 TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE is hereby amended as follows:

“The ABQ ADA Council will receive effective and ongoing training and technical assistance from the city's Office of Diversity and Human Rights to ensure that they understand the information they receive and are able to provide effective oversight of and make appropriate decisions regarding the City of Albuquerque's compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.”

SECTION 5. COMPILATION. This Ordinance shall be incorporated in and made part of the Revised Ordinances of Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after publication by title and general summary.

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