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1.0 ESTABLISHMENT. The Governor of the State of Nebraska through Executive Order 92- 7 hereby establishes the Nebraska Affordable Housing Commission (hereafter "Commission").

2.0 PURPOSE. The purpose of the Commission shall be to develop ongoing, specific, affordable housing policies and program recommendations to the Governor on progressive housing policies, plans, courses of action, and to monitor implementation of those recommendations.

3.0 CHARGE. The Commission is vested with the following charge:

3.1 Focus attention on, and increase awareness of the need for affordable housing in Nebraska.

3.2 Advocate and propose solutions to the housing needs in Nebraska.

3.3 Encourage and support continuity, coordination and cooperation with national housing officials and programs.

3.4 Encourage and support continuity, coordination and cooperation at the state level among the Interagency Housing Task Force, the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (hereafter "CHAS") Committee of 100 and the Department of Economic Development (hereafter "DED").

3.4 Serve as an advisory body to the Governor and the Administration on housing issues.

3.5 Integrate existing recommendations from the State of Nebraska's CHAS document with other statewide strategic planning initiatives involved with affordable and other housing issues.

4.0 GOVERNANCE.

4.1 Membership. The Commission is to be composed of approximately 30 members to be appointed by the Governor. These members will serve at his/her pleasure. There should be representation from all segments of Nebraska's citizens, including local, regional and state officials; not for profit community-based organizations and corporations; associations advocating on behalf of lower income persons; professional housing planners and developers; realtors, bankers and housing builders and manufacturers; private business and industry; and other representatives of local, regional, state, or federal organizations or groups with an emphasis on alleviating the housing needs of lower income persons. The state's commitment to the principals of cultural diversity and representation by all ethnic, cultural and gender elements in the society shall be considered in making appointments to the Commission.

4.2 Chairperson. The Nebraska Affordable Housing Commission will elect their Chairperson by simple ballot at their first official meeting.

4.3 Location. The Commission will be based in DED, the Division of Community and Rural Development. A designated staff member will serve as the official liaison.

4.4 Meetings. The Commission will meet monthly or as needed to formalize state and substate housing policies and programs.

4.5 Commission Funds. The Governor of the State of Nebraska through Executive Order 92-7 authorizes the creation of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Commission Fund. This fund will be managed by the Department of Administrative Services on behalf of the Commission and appropriations from the fund shall be made at the discretion and from the Director of DED.

4.6 Donations, Grants and Other Outside Income. The Commission may accept donations, grants, gifts or other support. Financial contributions shall be placed in the Nebraska Affordable Housing Commission Fund and shall be used to support Commission activities.

4.7 Accounting. This Fund shall be subject to all accounting rules and regulations of the State of Nebraska. A detailed accounting of all non-monetary contributions shall be kept. This information shall be made readily available to interested members of the public.

4.8 Administrative and Technical Support. Administrative and technical support shall be provided by the Nebraska's DED, the CHAS Committee of 100 and other agencies under the direct supervision of the Governor.

5.0 POWERS.

5.1 The Commission shall adopt all necessary operating procedures and guidelines to fulfill its purpose.

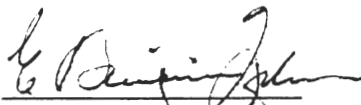
5.2 The Commission will issue reports, recommendations and other communication as deemed necessary by its Chairperson to fulfill its purpose.


5.3 The Commission Chairperson may appoint non-voting members, obtain advisors, create task forces or engage in other appropriate activities necessary to fulfill its purpose.

5.4 The Commission members may be compensated for actual expenses incurred through their work for the Commission.

5.5 The Commission may engage in other activities relevant and appropriate to its purpose, charge and powers.




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