

BILL NO. 18-2021

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 145 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, TITLED “BETHLEHEM HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION”

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Article 145.06(A)(2) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem shall be amended as follows: (underlined text denotes additions, whereas ~~strikeouts~~ denote deletions):

2. Complaints may be filed (a) in person at the City Clerk’s office, ~~or~~ (b) by mailing such complaints to the City Clerk’s office or to the Chairperson of the Human Relations Commission, or (c) electronically through the Human Relation Commission's website. All complaints must be received by the City Clerk’s office or by the Human Relations Commission within 180 days of the alleged act of discrimination to be considered timely.

SECTION 2: Article 145.06(A)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem shall be amended as follows: (underlined text denotes additions, whereas ~~strikeouts~~ denote deletions):

3. The City Clerk’s office shall convey all ~~original~~-complaints received by that office to the Chairperson of the Human Relations Commission within 10 days of the office’s receipt of such complaints.

SECTION 3: Article 145.06(B)(2) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem shall be amended as follows: (underlined text denotes additions, whereas ~~strikeouts~~ denote deletions):

2. The respondent(s) shall file a written verified answer to the complaint within 60 days of receipt of the complaint. An answer to a complaint may be filed in the same manner as ~~an original~~ the filing of the complaint. If the answer is filed with the City Clerk’s office, it shall be conveyed by the City Clerk to the Chairperson of the Human Relations Commission within 10 days of the City Clerk’s office’s receipt thereof. The Commission shall promptly send a copy of the answer to the person(s) aggrieved.

SECTION 4: That all ordinances and sections thereof that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sponsored by _____

Passed finally in Council this _____ day of _____, 2021.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

This Ordinance approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor