



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: Melissa McCartt-Smyth, Administrative Specialist Senior

CC: Tyler Scott, Chief of Staff

DATE: May 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Sister Cities Program Commission Ordinance – Membership Revisions

Request

Request Council authorization to amend Article XXIV of Chapter 2 and Section 2-296 of the code of ordinances to increase the membership of the Sister Cities Program Commission to seven (7) voting members, to include the Visitlex President/designee, a Councilmember, and a representative of the Mayor's Office, all as ex officio members, by removing language regarding reappointment for additional terms, and by deleting the requirement that the officers be appointed by the Mayor.

Reason for Request

The Commission has been operating for several years with the support and leadership of the three added seats as a practice and now wishes to add these seats permanently to assist in the success of the Program.

Additionally, the language clean-up is to remove confusion about term limits, and to grant the Commission the authority to appoint its own officers.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: N/A

The cost for future FY is: N/A

Are the funds budgeted?

Account number: N/A

File Number: 0458-26

Director/Commissioner: Tyler Scott, Chief of Staff

