ORDINANCE NO. 3708

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 BY ADDING SECTION 2-14, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts all facets of the Chandler community; and

WHEREAS, the Chandler City Council is committed to improving the lives of domestic violence victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of establishing a group of citizens to chronicle, evaluate, and monitor the services provided to domestic violence victims, and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of domestic violence can lead to intolerance of its existence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, that Section 2-14 of Chapter 2 of the Chandler City Code, is hereby added to read as follows:

2-14. Domestic Violence Commission

There is hereby established the Domestic Violence Commission, which shall consist of eleven (11) members, appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval of the Chandler City Council. These members shall include six (6) qualified electors that reside in the City. In addition, membership shall include five (5) representatives of domestic violence service providers or other agencies working in the field. Each domestic violence service provider or other agency having a representative serving as a member of the Commission may submit the names of up to two additional persons for appointment and approval as a primary and a secondary alternative representative to represent the provider or agency in the absence of the provider's or agency's original representative.

2-14.1 Terms of Office. The terms of office for the Commission shall be for three (3) years, except for the initial members of the Commission whose terms shall be staggered so that the term of no more than four (4) members shall conclude in any given year.

2-14.2 Powers and duties. The Domestic Violence Commission shall serve as an Advisory Commission to the Chandler City Council. The powers and duties of the Domestic Violence Commission shall be:

A. Advise the Mayor and Council concerning community domestic violence issues including the quality and effectiveness of domestic violence services in Chandler;

B. Promote a clear understanding of domestic violence, current laws, and resources available in the community;

C. Facilitate an effective community-wide system of prevention and intervention that is responsive to the needs of domestic violence victims;

D. Identify and promote the coordination of the roles and services of local agencies or offices that provide services to domestic violence victims;

E. Act as a forum for communication, education, and dialogue with Chandler residents on domestic violence issues; and

F. Such other powers and/or duties as may from time to time be approved by the City Council.

2-14.3 Officers and staff. The Domestic Violence Commission shall elect its own officers at the first meeting in May of each year. No officer elected to the Commission shall serve in the same capacity for more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms. The City Manager/designee shall staff said Commission.

INTRODUCED AND TENTATIVELY APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona this 28th day of July 2005.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this 11th day of August 2005.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 3707 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the 11th day of August 2005 and that a quorum was present thereat.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

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