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ORDINANCE NO. 2013-_____ - _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2. ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE XIX, ENTITLED "DANVILLE UNITED COMMUNITY RELATIONS COALITION," TO BE GENERALLY KNOWN AS "DANVILLE UNITED"

WHEREAS, Danville is a racially and ethnically diverse community, for which it is proud; and

WHEREAS, the Danville City Council desires to engage those interested in working together to make Danville a more tolerant, friendly, and welcoming community to all regardless of race, gender, religion, creed, ethnicity, nationality, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, improving community relationships despite such differences is a complex challenge that defies simple solutions or the solitary effort of the City of Danville and instead requires a holistic, coordinated, sustained community effort.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Chapter 2, of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia, 1986, as amended, be hereby amended by adding a new Article XIX, entitled "Danville United Community Relations Coalition" and ordained to read as follows:

Chapter.2 ADMINISTRATION

Article XIX. DANVILLE UNITED COMMUNITY RELATIONS COALITION

Section 2-400. Establishment

Danville City Council hereby establishes the "Danville United Community Relations Coalition," to be generally known as "Danville United," as a means of uniting community stakeholders, sharing information, developing strategies, engaging and informing the public, and undertaking coordinated activities that could

make Danville a more tolerant, friendly, and welcoming community to all regardless of race, gender, religion, creed, ethnicity, nationality, or economic status.

Section 2-401. Term

The term of Danville United shall be through December 31, 2015, subject to extension by the City Council.

Section 2-402. Duties

Danville United's primary purpose is to provide opportunities for networking, information sharing, and strategy development among members to make Danville a more tolerant, friendly, and welcoming community to all regardless of race, gender, religion, creed, ethnicity, nationality, or economic status and to provide advice on the same to the City Council. Danville United shall neither oversee municipal departments, nor attempt to direct activities of member organizations or individuals. Each member organization shall maintain its own identity, autonomy, program responsibilities, staff, and budget.

Section 2-403. Membership

Danville United membership is open to all who are or interested in making Danville a more tolerant, friendly, and welcoming community to all regardless of race, gender, religion, creed, ethnicity, nationality, or economic status and who wish to become members. Unlike its other boards and commissions, City Council will not exercise membership appointment authority for Danville United. Applicants shall instead become members in good standing upon submission of a completed application to the City Manager's Office. Membership shall terminate when a member provides a written request to withdraw from Danville United.

Danville United shall have two classes of membership: Organizational Membership and Individual Membership.

(1) Organizational Membership is open to any private corporation, citizen group, non-profit organization, and local, state, or federal government agency.

Each Organizational Member must designate who will serve as its official representative on Danville United. Organizational Members may name up to three official representatives, one as its primary representative and one or two as secondary representatives. Should an Organizational Member's primary or secondary representative at any time either leave its employment or be otherwise unable to serve, the Organizational Member may appoint another person to take his or her place. Only one representative from each Organizational Member is eligible to vote at any particular meeting.

(2) Individual Membership shall be open to all persons having an interest in the objectives of Danville United. Individual Membership is not available to a person designated as an official representative of an Organizational Member.

Section 2-404. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Danville United shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson in accordance with the process outlined in its by-laws.

Section 2-405. Coordinator

The City Manager shall designate a municipal employee to serve as Coordinator and be responsible for the preparation and distribution of Danville United meeting notices, agendas, and minutes and perform other service and duties as usually pertain to such office. The Coordinator may, from time to time, assign members of the staff of the administrative departments of the City to support Danville United. The Coordinator shall not have any voting rights.

Section 2-406. Legal representation

The City Attorney or his designee shall be the legal advisor and counsel to Danville United.

Section 2-407. Operations

Danville United will function in accordance with written by-laws adopted and maintained by its membership.

Section 2-408. Meetings generally

(a) Danville United shall hold public meetings no less frequently than once a quarter, with one meeting designated as its Annual Meeting during which it shall report progress achieved during the previous year and plans for the coming year.

(b) Additional meetings of Danville United may be called by the Chairman or by five (5) or more Organizational Members upon written request to the Coordinator.

(c) Except in the case of an emergency, the Coordinator shall notify all members and the general public at least ten (10) days in advance of a meeting of Danville United fixing the time, place, and the purpose thereof. In case of an emergency, this notice requirement can be waived by the Chairman.

Section 2-409. Quorum and voting

(a) Meetings of Danville United shall not require a quorum unless a formal vote on any matter is part of the meeting agenda. A quorum of Danville United membership shall be at least twenty percent (20%) of its total (Organizational and Individual) registered membership.

(b) Decision making will normally be accomplished by consensus.

(c) Should formal voting be conducted, the affirmative vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum present shall be the action of the membership.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance will be and become effective on October 17, 2013; and

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that all other paragraphs, subsections, sections, divisions, articles and provisions of said Code be, and the same are hereby, continued in full force and effect unless and until the same are hereafter amended or repealed.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney