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July 16, 2026

Board of City Commissioners  
City Hall  
225 4<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Fargo, ND 58102

**RE: Repealing Article 15-02 – Human Rights Commission**

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

Enclosed for your review and consideration is an ordinance repealing Article 15-02 of the Fargo Municipal Code relating to the Human Rights Commission (“HRC”). This ordinance is presented pursuant to the City Commission's motion at its June 22, 2026, meeting directing the City Attorney's Office to prepare the necessary ordinance repealing the provisions of the Fargo Municipal Code to conclude the HRC. Accordingly, the enclosed ordinance repeals Article 15-02 in its entirety.

As way of background, at its January 5, 2026, meeting, the City Commission directed the HRC, Native American Commission, and Arts and Culture Commission to evaluate their respective roles and report back with recommendations regarding their future. At the HRC's request, the City Commission granted a 60-day extension on March 2, 2026, to allow additional working sessions for the HRC to complete its evaluation.

On April 16, 2026, the HRC voted to recommend to the City Commission that the HRC remain in its current form and to pause meetings until after the June 9, 2026, election. Following the election, the City Commission revisited the matter at its June 22, 2026, meeting. At that meeting, Commissioner and HRC Liaison John Strand moved to conclude the Human Rights Commission and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare the necessary ordinance repealing the provisions of the Fargo Municipal Code establishing the HRC. The motion passed.

**Suggested Motion:** I move to receive and file the enclosed ordinance repealing Article 15-02 of Chapter 15 of the Fargo Municipal Code relating to the Human Rights Commission and to place the ordinance on for first reading at the next regularly scheduled city commission meeting.

Sincerely,



Alissa R. Farol Czapiewski  
Assistant City Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Brenda Derrig, Assistant City Administrator

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 15-02 OF CHAPTER 15  
OF THE FARGO MUNICIPAL CODE  
RELATING TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the electorate of the city of Fargo has adopted a home rule charter in accordance with Chapter 40-05.1 of the North Dakota Code; and,

WHEREAS, Section 40-05.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code provides that the City shall have the right to implement home rule powers by ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, Section 40-05.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code provides that said home rule charter and any ordinances made pursuant thereto shall supersede state laws in conflict therewith and shall be liberally construed for such purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of City Commissioners deems it necessary and appropriate to implement such authority by the adoption of this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo:

Section 1. Amendment.

Article 15-02 of Chapter 15 of the Fargo Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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Joshua A. Boschee, Mayor

Attest:

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Angie Bear, Deputy City Auditor,  
on behalf of the City Auditor

First Reading:  
Second Reading:  
Final Passage: