



**Office of the City Clerk**  
**BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

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**TUCSON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**  
**(CODI)**

**CREATED BY:**

Tucson Code, Sec. 10A-75, Article VII, Sec. 10A-75  
Ordinance 4960, adopted April 9, 1979  
Ordinance 7174, adopted April 17, 1989  
Ordinance 7264, adopted August 7, 1989  
Ordinance 7820, adopted May 18, 1992  
Ordinance 10374, adopted February 13, 2007  
Ordinance 10871, adopted January 19, 2011  
Ordinance 11355, adopted May 3, 2016  
Ordinance 11599, Adopted December 4, 2018  
\*Ordinance 12024, Adopted August 8, 2023

**MEMBERS / QUALIFICATIONS:**

Membership shall consist of eleven (11) members, who shall serve without compensation and are appointed as follows:

1. One (1) member by the Mayor and each Council Member (7 total);
2. Four (4) members by the City Manager

Members appointed by the Mayor and Council shall be individuals with disabilities; that is, persons who have a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one (1) or more of the major life activities.

Members appointed by the City Manager shall be representatives of agencies and employers dedicated to serving the needs of individuals with disabilities or persons possessing special expertise in dealing with the problems of individuals with disabilities.

**FUNCTIONS:**

- (1) Act as the official advisory body to Mayor and Council on the priority of concerns faced by the individuals with disabilities in the Tucson community.

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- (2) Work to formulate policies and recommend activities that address the needs and concerns of the individuals with disabilities.
- (3) Work with City departments and outside agencies and organizations to ensure equitable delivery of services and initiate new ones that benefit the individuals with disabilities.
- (4) Support and sponsor community programs and projects that promote public awareness of the issues that relate to the needs and concerns of individuals with disabilities.
- (5) Serve as a liaison between the City of Tucson and other community agencies serving individuals with disabilities.

### **QUORUM:**

\*Pursuant to Tucson Code, § 10A-140(a) this BCC is designated as “Category 1,” for which a majority of the members currently *appointed and serving* shall constitute a quorum.

### **TERMS OF OFFICE:**

1. The term of those commission members appointed by the Mayor and individual Council Members shall be coterminous with that of the appointing elected official.
2. The terms of those commission members by the City Manager shall be for a term of four (4) years.

### **APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:**

All provisions of TCC Chapter 10A, Article XIII are applicable. T.C. § 10A-134(c) Appointees, except for advisory members and members of the technical code committees named herein, may not serve on more than two (2) bodies at a time.

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:**

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all of the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law.

### **SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:**

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#### *Historical Notes:*

*On April 9, 1979, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 4960, establishing the Commission on the Handicapped with thirteen (13) members. Seven (7) members appointed by individual members of the Mayor and Council and six (6) members nominated by the City Manager for final approval by the Mayor and Council.*

*On April 17, 1989, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 7174, which changed the name to the Tucson Commission on Disability Issues.*

*On August 7, 1989, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 7264, which increased member terms from three (3) years to four (4) years.*

*On May 18, 1992, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 7820, which amended the membership appointments and qualifications. Seven (7) members appointed by individual members of the Mayor and Council, three (3) members to be appointed by the Mayor and Council as the governing body and three (3) members nominated by the City Manager for final approval by the Mayor and Council. Members appointed by individual members of the Mayor and Council should be individuals with disabilities. Members appointed by the Mayor and Council as a governing body or nominated by the City Manager should be representatives of agencies and employers dedicated to serving the needs of the disabled or individuals possessing special expertise in dealing with problems of the disabled.*

*On February 13, 2007, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 10374, allowing the Commission on Disability Issues to appoint a voting representative on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee. This appointment may be a member of CODI, notwithstanding Tucson Code § 10A-134(c).*

*On January 19, 2011, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 10871, amending the Tucson Code, Sections 10A-76(A)-(E) and 10A-77(C) to eliminate the use of the term "Handicapped" and replaced with the term "Individuals with Disabilities" pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (42USC § 12101 ET SEQ.).*

*On May 3, 2016, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 11355, amending the Tucson Code, Section 10A-77 to modify the membership composition and method of appointment for the Commission on Disability Issues.*

*December 4, 2018 – Ordinance 11599, amended the Tucson Code, Chapter 10A-134(c) allowing members to serve on up to two (2) BCC's Simultaneously.*

*\*August 8, 2023 – Ordinance 12024, amended the Tucson Code Chapter 10A, Article XIII to add a new Tucson code Section 10A-140, defining different quorum requirements for two specified categories of Boards, Committees, or Commissions*

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