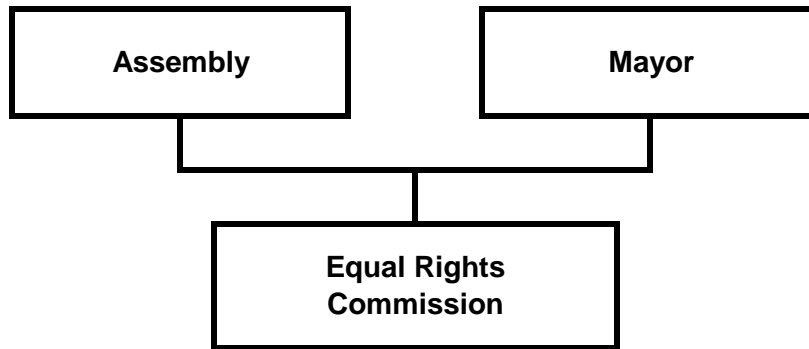


Equal Rights Commission



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Description

Established in the Anchorage Charter in 1975, the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission (AERC) is the Municipal law enforcement agency charged to eliminate and prevent unlawful discrimination under Title 5 of the Municipal Code within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality. (See Anchorage Municipal Charter and Anchorage Municipal Code, Title 5.).

The AERC also enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 through a workshare agreement with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

The AERC is governed by nine members who are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Anchorage Assembly. The Commission meets on a regular basis, typically on the third Thursday of the month in January, March, May, September and November, at 6 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall (632 W. Sixth Ave., Suite 830). Meeting dates and times are published in the Municipal Public Notices.

The AERC has six professionals on staff, including an Executive Director/Staff Attorney, four Investigators, and a Docket Clerk. Also, there is funding for an attorney when a hearing officer or additional counsel is necessary.

Commission Services

- Enforce the law by investigating complaints of discrimination.
- Educate the community and entities doing business in Anchorage by providing information and training regarding the laws prohibiting discrimination.
- Provide referral services to the public, other municipal departments and government agencies, non-profit groups and others.

Commission Goals that Contribute to Achieving the Mayor's Mission:



Community Development to Make Anchorage a Vibrant, Inclusive and Affordable Community

- Respond to filed complaints with timely investigations and increased timeliness of case closures.
- Respond to complaints and complete case investigations impartially.
- Eliminate discriminatory practices by providing outreach and education in our community to improve compliance with the law.

Equal Rights Commission Department Summary

	2015 Actuals	2016 Revised	2017 Approved	17 v 16 % Chg
Direct Cost by Division				
Equal Rights Administration	623,600	775,779	766,494	(1.20%)
Direct Cost Total	623,600	775,779	766,494	(1.20%)
Intragovernmental Charges				
Charges by/to Other Departments	169,613	227,144	229,773	1.16%
Function Cost Total	793,213	1,002,923	996,267	(0.66%)
Program Generated Revenue	(67,600)	(41,300)	(41,300)	-
Net Cost Total	725,613	961,623	954,967	(0.69%)
Direct Cost by Category				
Salaries and Benefits	591,887	723,969	738,898	2.06%
Supplies	2,346	7,200	2,086	(71.03%)
Travel	7,546	9,600	9,600	-
Contractual/Other Services	20,246	35,010	15,910	(54.56%)
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Equipment, Furnishings	1,575	-	-	-
Direct Cost Total	623,600	775,779	766,494	(1.20%)
Position Summary as Budgeted				
Full-Time	5	6	6	-
Part-Time	1	-	-	-
Position Total	6	6	6	-

Equal Rights Commission Reconciliation from 2016 Revised Budget to 2017 Approved Budget

	Direct Costs	Positions		
		FT	PT	Seas/T
2016 Revised Budget	775,779	5	1	-
Changes in Existing Programs/Funding for 2017				
- Salary and benefits adjustments including adjusting Senior Office Associate position from 1 PT to 1 FT funded with Professional Investigator grade reduction.	28,929	1	(1)	-
2017 Continuation Level				
	804,708	6	-	-
2017 Proposed Budget Changes				
- None	-	-	-	-
2017 S Version Budget Changes				
- Various reductions per Assembly recommendations	(38,100)	-	-	-
2017 Assembly Amendments				
- <u>Assembly Member Flynn, as amended by Assembly Member Weddleton</u> - Restore \$120,937 to the Library Department funded by specific reductions of 1.5958% to all departments' supply budgets except Police and Fire	(114)	-	-	-
2017 Approved Budget				
	766,494	6	-	-

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Division Summary
Equal Rights Administration
(Fund Center # 105000)

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Non-Manageable Direct Cost Total	-	-	-	-
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Program Generated Revenue by Fund				
Fund 101000 - Areawide General	67,600	41,300	41,300	-
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Division Detail
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Program Generated Revenue				
405100 - Other Federal Grant Revenue	67,600	41,300	41,300	-
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Position Detail as Budgeted

	2015 Revised		2016 Revised		2017 Approved	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time
Exec Dir, Anch Equal Rights	1	-	1	-	1	-
Professional Investigator II	1	-	1	-	1	-
Professional Investigator IV	3	-	3	-	3	-
Senior Office Associate	-	1	1	-	1	-
Position Detail as Budgeted Total	5	1	6	-	6	-

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Mission

The Anchorage Equal Rights Commission strives to eliminate discrimination against all citizens and visitors to Anchorage through its enforcement of and educational efforts about municipal and other anti-discrimination laws.

Core Services

- Enforce the law impartially by investigating individual complaints of discrimination.
- Educate the public by providing information and training about the laws prohibiting discrimination.
- Provide referral services to the public and to government agencies who contact our office.

Accomplishment Goals

- Respond to inquiries in a timely manner.
- Respond to filed complaints with timely investigations and increased timeliness of case closures.
- Respond to complaints and complete case investigations impartially.
- Eliminate discriminatory practices by providing outreach and education in our community to improve compliance with the law.

Performance Measures

Progress in achieving goals shall be measured by:

Measure #1: Percentage of inquiries responded to within 24 hours:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Percentage of Inquiries Returned Within 24 Hours	94%	90%	88%	96.5%	98.21%	99.54%

Measure #2: Percentage of cases over 240 days old:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Percentage of Cases Over 240 Days Old	61.4%	45%	27%	39.4%	27.5%	24.07%

Measure #3: Percentage of cases accepted by the federal EEOC under our work sharing agreement:

	Fed. FY 2013	Fed. FY 2014	Fed. FY 2015	Fed. FY 2016
Percentage of Cases With Substantial Weight Review	38.9%	52.5%	49.2%	30.9%
Percentage of Cases Accepted by the federal EEOC	100%	100%	100%	100%

Measure #4: Percentage of education and outreach events using volunteer AERC Commissioners or using technology.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Percentage of Events Using Volunteers or Technology	23.8%	50.1%	57.1%	53.5%	51.2%	45.5%