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## **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CHARGE**

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A Human Rights Commission was established by the Mansfield Town Council on January 13, 2020. The mission of the Commission is to promote implementation of universal human rights values and principles in all Town of Mansfield programs and throughout the wider Northeastern Connecticut community.

To carry out this mission, the Commission shall affirm, encourage and initiate programs and services within the Town of Mansfield and in the wider Northeastern Connecticut community designed to place priority upon protecting, respecting, and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights as enumerated in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

To support and promote human rights, the Commission will:

- a) Provide human rights education
- b) Be proactive in human rights efforts
- c) Make recommendations for how to address human rights violations
- d) Ensure active public participation
- e) Be transparent and open
- f) Be publicly accountable for human rights progress

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Commission shall consist of seven (7) community members serving as regular members and two (2) community members serving as alternates. Community members shall have an interest in the civil and human rights concerns of the community. Members shall be appointed by the Town Council in a way that strives to achieve a balance on the Commission that reflects the community and has protected class representation.

### **MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Commission shall be held at least quarterly.