

## MCNIGOMERY COUNTY

## 77-1. Statement of Policy.

It is hereby declared to be the public policy to eliminate discrimination, prejudice, intolerance or bigotry of any form that may exist on account of race, color, sex, religious creed, ancestry or national origin.

It is further declared to be the public policy of the County that discrimination in housing and places of public accommodation against any person on account of race, color, sex, religious creed, ancestry or national origin is contrary to the morals, ethics and purposes of a free, democratic society; is injurious to and threatens the peace and good government of this County; is injurious to and threatens the health, safety and welfare of persons within this County; and is illegal and should be abolished.

## 77-2. Created; membership, appointments and term of office of members; Commission Panels.

There is hereby established a Commission on Human Relations. The Commission shall consist of not less than nine (9) members and not more than fifteen (15) members to be appointed and may be removed for cause by the County Executive with the approval of the County Council and which shall consist of both men and women who are broadly representative of racial, religious, and ethnic groups of the County. The terms of the members of the Commission shall be for one, two or three years, as prescribed by the County Executive at the time of appointment, so as to provide for the vacating of the terms of one-third of the members of the Commission annually. Each member of the Commission shall continue to serve after his term until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. The County Executive, with the approval of the County Council, shall appoint a Commission Panel on Public Accommodations, a Commission Panel on Housing, and any further panel as determined by law.

## 77-3. Officers; meetings; quorum; voting.

The County Executive may designate a member of the Commission on Human Relations to be Chairman and, in the absence of any member being designated, the Commission may elect a Chairman notwithstanding their