

Resolution Relating to

CREATION OF THE BURLINGTON AGING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION 5.06

Sponsor(s): Councilors Pine,
Carpenter, Hightower

Introduced: 04/26/21

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Date: 04/26/21

Signed by Mayor: 05/03/21

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the year Two Thousand Twenty-One

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

- 1 That WHEREAS, older residents of Burlington must be valued members of the community; and
- 2 WHEREAS, older adults are as diverse as the communities in which they live and are Burlington’s
- 3 homeowners, taxpayers, business owners, entrepreneurs, employees, volunteers, civic leaders, artists,
- 4 musicians, writers, and much more; and
- 5 WHEREAS, ageism and social isolation for seniors are deeply embedded in our culture, leading to
- 6 increased mortality and poor health outcomes; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Burlington can address ageism and social isolation through education and intentional
- 8 inclusion; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 2019, this Council created the Senior Study Committee to review and make
- 10 recommendations regarding the long-term provision of senior services in Burlington; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in addition to continued support for the Heineberg Community Senior Center and the
- 12 CORE Adult Center (formerly the Champlain Senior Center), the Committee recommended the formation of a
- 13 “Council on Aging;” and
- 14 WHEREAS, in March 2020, the Mayor’s Office and Community and Economic Development Office
- 15 (CEDO) assembled a Seniors Working Group to coordinate communication and quickly deploy resources
- 16 amongst senior care throughout the pandemic; and
- 17 WHEREAS, this group has been meeting regularly throughout the pandemic to discuss policy changes
- 18 and share best practices; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the coordination has successfully protected vulnerable Burlington residents during the
- 20 pandemic and in order to plan for current and future needs of older adults in Burlington, a plan on aging that is
- 21 updated at regular intervals would be a useful guide for City policies and initiatives; and
- 22 WHEREAS, the City Council Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization (CDNR)
- 23 Committee convened a group of individuals involved in issues facing our older residents in order to explore
- 24 more fully the idea of forming a local Council on Aging; and

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25 WHEREAS, the CDNR Committee reached the unanimous conclusion that the needs of our older
26 residents are unique and require the focused attention of a City-supported group such as a Burlington Aging
27 Council;

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council creates the Burlington Aging Council
29 with the purposes of

- 30 • elevating the contributions of older adults in Burlington;
- 31 • raising issues facing older adults in Burlington and the organizations that serve them;
- 32 • making policy recommendations to the Mayor and City Council to address gaps, needs, and
33 opportunities that impact older adults in Burlington; and
- 34 • ensuring that the voices of older adults in Burlington are at the forefront of City policy; and
- 35 • creating and maintaining a “Burlington Plan on Aging” to act as a guiding template for City
36 policy and initiatives; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the focus areas of the council shall include:

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- 40 • Racial equity, inclusion, and belonging; identifying and rectifying barriers to service access,
41 opportunity, and community inclusion for older adult BIPOC community members
- 42 • Health Prevention, Access, & Quality: Nutrition & Physical Activity
- 43 • Food Security
- 44 • Multimodal Transportation
- 45 • Accessible Outdoor & Indoor Public Spaces
- 46 • Housing: Affordability, Availability, & Accessibility
- 47 • Social Inclusion
- 48 • Technology accessibility
- 49 • Civic Engagement and Volunteerism
- 50 • Industry Support
- 51 • Family Caregiver Support; and

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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council members shall be appointed jointly by the Mayor and
54 City Council President in consultation with the CDNR Committee, with half of the members serving two-year
55 terms and the other half serving one-year terms beginning June 1, 2021, and shall include:

- 56 • 1 member representing a healthcare provider (UVM Health Network, Community Health Centers of
57 Burlington, primary care physician, etc.)
- 58 • 1 member representing a long-term care organization in Burlington
- 59 • 1 member representing an affordable housing organization in Burlington
- 60 • 1 member representing an organization working to fight food insecurity in Vermont
- 61 • 1 member representing an organization providing advocacy and support for older adults in Vermont
- 62 • 1 member representing an organization supporting New Americans in Vermont
- 63 • 1 member representing an organization advocating for racial equity, inclusion, and belonging in
64 Burlington
- 65 • 1 member representing a senior center in Burlington
- 66 • 1 member representing an organization providing mental health services in Vermont
- 67 • 1 member representing an organization providing transportation services in Vermont

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- 68 • 1 member representing the City's Community and Economic Development Office
- 69 • 3-5 older adults living in Burlington, who may be affiliated with the above-mentioned organizations
- 70 but do not have to be; and
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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the first year, all members will serve two-year terms, such
73 that half the members are appointed each year beginning June 1, and the council shall elect a chair and vice
74 chair from among its members; and

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CEDO will provide staff support for the council and shall be
76 responsible for creating and posting agendas, meetings, and notices and ensuring compliance with the
77 Vermont Open Meeting Law requirements.

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- Mayor's Office
- City Council President Tracy
- CDNR Committee

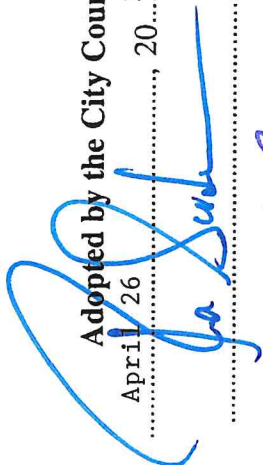
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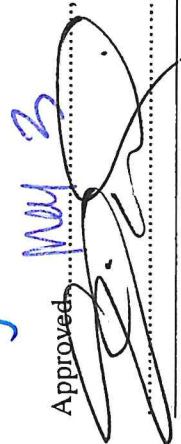
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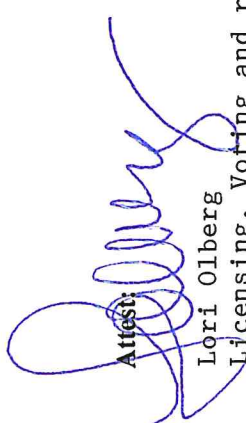
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Approved, May 3, 20.....



Mayor

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