

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
**FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL**

**ITEM NUMBER: 8**

**DATE: May 2, 2006**

**STAFF: Suzanne Jarboe-Simpson**

**SUBJECT**

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Second Reading of Ordinance No. 066, 2006, Amending Section 2-166 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Change the Name of the Commission on the Status of Women to the Women's Commission.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends adoption of this Ordinance on Second Reading. Councilmember Weitkunat, as liaison to this Commission, agrees with the name change.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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**ITEM NUMBER: 13**

**DATE: April 18, 2006**

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**SUBJECT**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of the Ordinance is to change the name of the group which advises City Council on issues pertaining to women from the "Commission on the Status of Women" to the "Women's Commission".

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**BACKGROUND**

The Commission on the Status of Women was created in 1986, after a year-long study of "issues critical to women, in order to make recommendations for action which enhanced the status of and opportunities for all women in every sector of the community". For the past two years, the Commission has believed the current name, which includes the word "status", is confusing and misunderstood by members of the community.

The new name reflects the focus of the Commission which is on issues of importance to women in Fort Collins, not just on the conditions or status of women in the community. Women's Commission also follows a pattern found in other communities and helps make this commission similar to sister entities across the country. Commission members have been referring to themselves as Women's Commission members. Adoption of this Ordinance will amend the Code to reflect this change in name.

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ORDINANCE NO. 066, 2006  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING SECTION 2-166 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS  
OF WOMEN TO THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Commission on the Status of Women (the "Commission") was created by Ordinance No. 158, 1986, in November of 1986; and

WHEREAS, the current name has caused confusion over the years regarding the function and focus of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Commission wish to have the Commission's name reflect the fact that the focus of the Commission is upon issues of importance to the women of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, Council agrees and desires that the Commission's name be changed to reflect the Commission's broader focus.

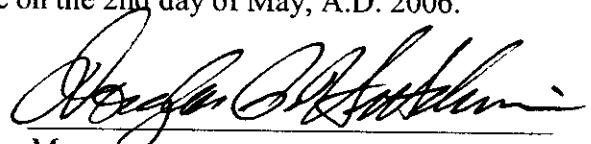
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the title of Division 10 and Section 2-166 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins are hereby amended to read as follows:

DIVISION 10. WOMEN'S COMMISSION

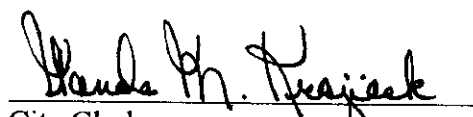
**Sec. 2-166. Creation.**

There shall be and is hereby created a Women's Commission, hereafter referred to in this Division as the "Commission."

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 18th day of April, A.D. 2006, and to be presented for final passage on the 2nd day of May, A.D. 2006.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 2nd day of May, A.D. 2006.

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