

ARTICLE 2-8: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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§ 2-8-1 CREATION.

A Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Apache Junction is hereby created.

(Prior Code, § 2-8-1)

§ 2-8-2 MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

(A) The Parks and Recreation Commission shall consist of 7 members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council. Ex-officio members, without voting privileges, may be designated by the Mayor with the approval of the Council.

(B) Commission members shall all serve for a term of 3 years or until their successors are duly appointed by the Council. Terms of members shall be so staggered that the terms of no more than 3 members shall expire in any 1 year and, in accordance with this section, all such terms shall expire on October 31 of succeeding years, except that in the event of the Board membership complement falling below the required quorum level set forth in § 2-8-5, the membership vacancies shall be filled by the Council for their unexpired terms any time before the annual October appointment cycle using the then-existing talent bank applications. If a reduction in membership is ever approved by the Council, the terms of office due to expire or unfilled at the time of amendment shall remain so and no future appointments shall be made to replace those members.

(C) All members shall be residents of the City of Apache Junction.

(Prior Code, § 2-8-2) (Am. Ord. 1328, passed 10-27-2008; Am. Ord. 1520, passed 12-7-2021)

§ 2-8-3 SALARIES AND PERSONAL EXPENSES.

The members of the Parks and Recreation Commission shall receive no salaries or other remuneration for their services in such capacity, and shall not be entitled to personal expenses incurred by them in the discharge of their official duties, except to the extent and purposes and amount such expense is first authorized and approved in advance by the Council.

(Prior Code, § 2-8-3)

§ 2-8-4 OFFICERS.

The Commission shall elect a Chairperson ~~and a~~ Vice Chairperson ~~and Secretary~~ from their members to serve for a period of 1 year. The Vice Chairperson shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.

(Prior Code, § 2-8-4)

§ 2-8-5 MEETINGS.

The Commission shall establish a regular meeting day and time at least once a month. Special meetings may be called as required. A quorum shall consist of 4 voting members for the transaction of all business.

(Prior Code, § 2-8-5)

§ 2-8-6 VACANCIES.

Vacancies shall be filled by the Council in accordance to Vol. I, § 2-8-2 for the unexpired term of the member affected.

(Prior Code, § 2-8-6)

§ 2-8-7 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.

Members of the Commission serve at the pleasure of the Council and may be removed by the Mayor with the concurrence of the Council. A member shall not be absent from Parks and Recreation Commission regular meetings for more than 3 consecutive times without a reasonable excuse. After the absence of 3 consecutive meetings the remaining members of

the Parks and Recreation Commission shall vote to retain or recommend to the Council that the absentee member be relieved of his or her duties on the Commission.

(Prior Code, § 2-8-7)

§ 2-8-8 DUTIES.

The Commission through the Director of ~~Community Services~~ Parks and Recreation shall recommend regulations and policy for the government, control and improvement of the public parks of the City of Apache Junction. The Commission shall also recommend fees for the use of public park facilities and recommend full time or seasonal employees as necessary for the efficient management of the city parks and recreation program.

(Prior Code, § 2-8-8)