



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 2, 2020

TO: Mayor Eveleth and the Owosso City Council

FROM: Amy Fuller
Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing amending Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances to change the make-up of the Parks and Recreation Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the request from the Parks and Recreation Commission to allow members of the Commission to live outside the city limits.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last few years, two members of the Parks and Recreation Commission moved outside of the city limits. These individuals still use the City of Owosso parks and have expressed interest in seeing the rules changed to allow for commission membership from outside the city limits.

This change would be in-line with the Owosso Historical Commission guidelines which allow for residents from outside the City of Owosso to serve.

Changing this section in the Code of the City of Owosso would also allow for the Mayor and City Council to recruit from a larger pool of volunteers to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

It is not anticipated that there will be any fiscal impacts from this change.

RESOLUTION NO.

**SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO
AMEND CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION,
ARTICLE IV, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS,
DIVISION 3, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has a Parks and Recreation Commission to provide quality park and recreation opportunities based upon cost, efficiency and community need; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission is currently made up of 7 members and all members of the Commission must be city residents; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parks and Recreation Commission to allow members to live outside the city limits; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing shall be schedule to receive citizen comment regarding amendments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAAT THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, *Boards and Commissions*, Division 3, *Parks and Recreation Commission*, Section 2-242. *Members; appointment, terms, voting, officers* shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-242. - Members; appointment, terms, voting, officers.

- (a) The members of the parks and recreation commission shall consist of seven (7) ~~at-large~~ members appointed by the mayor and approved by the council. ~~Commission members shall be residents of the city.~~ The mayor or the designee of the mayor, with council approval, shall be an ex-officio member of the commission.
- (b) The seven (7) ~~at-large~~ members shall have terms of two (2) years. The first appointment of the seven (7) ~~at-large~~ members shall be staggered so that three (3) members are appointed for a one-year term and four (4) members shall be appointed to two-year terms. Thereafter each appointment of an ~~at-large~~ member shall be for a two-year term unless it is an appointment to fill a vacancy in office that occurs prior to completion of a term. The ex-officio member of the commission shall serve for an indefinite term at the pleasure of the mayor.
- (c) Each ~~at-large~~ member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The ex-officio member shall not have a vote. Any action shall require a majority vote of the members present at a meeting constituting a quorum. A quorum shall consist of at least four (4) members.

(Ord. No. 691, § 1, 2-4-08; Ord. No. 782, § 1, 1-3-17)

SECTION 2. PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing is set for Monday, XXX, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing citizen comment regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of the City of Owosso.

SECTION 3. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall become effective 20 days after approval.