

**CITY OF MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 007/2022**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 4.50 MMC PARK BOARD; UPDATING AND CLARIFYING THE COMPOSITION, MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA, TERMS OF OFFICE, AND POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CITY'S PARK BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, pursuant Chapter 4.50 MMC, the City has established a Board of Park Commissioners ("Park Board") to serve primarily as an advisory body to the City Council on planning, policy, budget and other programmatic matters related to parks and recreation issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 4.50 MMC in order to update and clarify the composition, membership criteria, terms of office and powers and duties of the Park Board, together with other appropriate housekeeping revisions, as set forth in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, such amendments will facilitate and more effectively focus the Park Board's performance of its advisory functions as intended by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of MMC 4.50.010. Section 4.50.010 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

4.50.010 Created—Membership—Compensation.

A. There is hereby created a seven-member board of park commissioners. ~~The park board shall consist of five members at large, with one member from the city planning commission and one member from the Monroe school district.~~

B. The mayor ~~with the consent of the city council~~ shall appoint the members at large of the park board subject to confirmation by the city council. ~~The members at large shall be of recognized fitness for such position, and shall reside within the limits of the city of Monroe, except the mayor may appoint, with consent of~~ subject to confirmation by the city council, one board member from the city of Monroe's urban growth area to fill a vacant position. The members shall be selected without respect to political affiliation. ~~The mayor shall confer with the planning commission and Monroe school district to select a representative from each organization. The mayor shall~~

~~appoint one member from each organization, with the consent of the city council.~~

C. Board members shall serve without compensation and may be reimbursed by the city for reasonable expenses incurred in their exercise of the official business of the board, consistent with the expense reimbursement policies of the city and as provided for in the general provisions of Chapter 4.10 MMC.

~~D. The city council may select a member from its body as a liaison to the board of park commissioners.~~

Section 2. Amendment of MMC 4.50.020. Section 4.50.020 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

4.50.020 Terms of office.

The term of office for each appointed board member shall be four years ~~except that the term of members from the planning commission and Monroe school district shall be for two years.~~

Section 3. Amendment of MMC 4.50.030. Section 4.50.030 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

4.50.030 Powers and duties.

The board shall be an advisory board to the city council and shall have and exercise those powers and that authority prescribed below:

A. Review on an annual basis the comprehensive park and recreation plan and suggest amendments, if appropriate, to the city council.

B. Work with the planning commission in reviewing the needs and locations of park sites.

C. Continually assess the city park and recreation facilities, programs, needs and costs and make recommendations to the city council for the care, management, supervision, improvement and budgeting for parks, recreational facilities and programs.

D. Advise the city council on annual budget needs for the parks department.

E. Advise the council on the personnel needs of the maintenance and operation of the park system.

F. Advise the city council on capital expenditures program for the park department, including planning, acquisition, construction, development, maintenance and operation; including restrictions on concessions or privileges in parks

and play and recreation grounds and other municipally owned recreation facilities.

G. The park and recreation board, when requested by the city council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question concerning trees in the city coming within the scope of its work.

~~H. The park and recreation board may remove, or cause or order to be removed, any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which by reason of its nature is injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines, or other public improvements, or is affected with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest.~~

Section 4. Amendment of MMC 4.50.050. Section 4.50.050 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

4.50.050 Reports.

A. The board shall present an annual report to the city council. Such annual report shall be in writing.

B. At board meetings city staff shall provide relevant updates to the board from and/or regarding, as applicable, the Monroe School District, Snohomish County Fairgrounds, other city boards and commissions, and other organizations with interest in parks and recreation services and facilities in and around the City of Monroe.

Section 5. Amendment of MMC 4.50.080. Section 4.50.080 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

4.50.080 Definitions.

Words used in this chapter shall have the following meanings:

A. "Park" means an area of land, with or without water, developed or undeveloped and used for public recreational purposes by the city of Monroe, including landscaped tracts, picnic grounds, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation centers, foot and bicycle paths, and facilities for boating and fishing.

B. "Park board" means board of park commissioners.

C. "Parks department" means a branch of city government.

D. "Recreation" means any recreational facility, program, activity or function sponsored by or through or as a part of the services offered to residents of the city of Monroe through the parks department.

~~E. "Trees" are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets and avenues or shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation in public parks having individual names, and all areas owned by the city or to which the public has free access as a park. "Urban forest" is herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation within the city limits of the city of Monroe including both street trees and park trees.~~

Section 6. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this 8th day of March, 2022.

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