

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

### General Functions:

The Parks and Recreation Commission has the following powers and duties:

1. The power and authority to hold public hearings and meetings to conduct investigations and surveys for the purpose of obtaining facts and data concerning programs of community recreation.
2. Upon approval by the City Council of the recommendations of the Commission relative to a program of community recreation, the Commission may establish rules of conduct governing such a program and the organization, management and control thereof.
3. The City Council may by resolution or amendment of the LMC regularly passed, grant to the Commission such additional powers and duties as seem expedient and necessary to carry out the purpose of the LMC.
4. The Commission shall be an advisory to the City Council on the subject of City parks and community recreation, concerning the organization, management, promotion and conduct of programs for community recreation and for the development and maintenance of parks.

Upon approval by the City Council of the recommendations of the Commission, the Commission may adopt such rules and regulations, as it may deem necessary to carry out its functions and without the need for such approval may take actions at public meetings to fulfill its duties.

### Membership:

Five members appointed by the City Council.

- A. A member of the City Council, upon commencement of that member's term of office, shall nominate for appointment or reappointment a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission whose term of office concurrently expires with that of the nominating Councilmember. The nominee shall be interviewed by the City Council at a duly noticed public meeting and shall be appointed by the Mayor, upon approval of a majority vote of all members of the City Council.
- B. Each member of the City Council shall have an opportunity to nominate one appointee to become a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. If the Mayor fails to appoint such nominee due to failure of the majority of all the members of the City Council to approve the appointment, the member of the City Council whose nominee was rejected may nominate such other persons as necessary until the majority of the City Council votes to approve such nominee for appointment and the Mayor appoints such nominee to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Mayor shall not refuse to appoint any nominee otherwise qualified to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission, once the majority of all the members of the City Council have voted the approval of such nomination.
- C. If no qualified person has filed (and not withdrawn) an application to serve on the Commission within 90 days following the creation of a Parks and Recreation Commission

vacancy or the expiration of a Commissioner's term, then the Councilmember entitled to nominate an appointee to fill that Commission seat may nominate a person from any district in the City who otherwise meets all the qualifications in the Qualifications section, below. If such person is appointed by the City Council, then such person shall be considered a temporary appointee. A temporary appointee's term shall expire either (i) 12 months following the date of appointment, unless a majority of the City Council votes to extend the term, or (ii) concurrently with the expiration of the term of office of the nominating Councilmember if the nominating Councilmember is not reelected, whichever occurs first. A temporary appointee may not be reappointed to that seat on the Commission as a temporary appointee after the expiration or termination of the temporary term. If, during the term of the temporary appointment, an application is submitted by a person who is qualified to fill that Commission seat, the City Clerk shall place an item on the next available City Council agenda for the City Council to consider appointment of such applicant. If such applicant is appointed, then such applicant shall immediately replace the temporary appointee.

#### Qualifications:

- A. With the exception of temporary appointees discussed in Membership paragraph (C), each Parks and Recreation Commissioner shall reside in the district represented by the Council Member who was entitled to nominate the Commissioner under Membership paragraph (A). The Mayor, being elected at-large, may nominate for appointment any person residing in the City. Termination of residency in a district by a seated Parks and Recreation Commissioner shall create a vacancy for that Parks and Recreation Commission district on the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day after termination of residency unless a substitute residence within the district is established within thirty (30) days after termination of residency. Termination of residency in the City shall create an immediate vacancy of any Parks and Recreation Commission seat.
- B. No person shall be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission who is employed by the City.
- C. For purposes of paragraph (A), "district" refers to the City Council Electoral Districts established by, and described in, Chapter 2.06 of the Lompoc Municipal Code.

#### Term of Office:

With the exception of temporary appointees discussed in Membership paragraph (C), the term of office of each Parks and Recreation Commissioner shall expire concurrently with that of the Council Member who was entitled to nominate the Commissioner under Membership paragraph (A). Vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission shall be filled in the same manner provided for in the Membership section, above. Commissioners shall serve until their successors have been appointed by the City Council and qualified, except in the case of a vacancy due to termination of residency as described in the Qualifications section, or the expiration of a temporary appointment under Membership paragraph (C). A vacancy occurring on the City Council shall not automatically terminate the office of the Commissioner nominated by the departing Council Member; however, the new Council Member filling the Council vacancy shall be entitled to nominate a candidate of his or her choice for Commissioner in the manner provided in the Membership section, above.

Meetings:

Second Tuesday ~~of each month in January, March, May, July, September, and November~~ at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Lompoc City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA.

Time Involved:

Averages three to five hours per month.

References:

LMC Chapters 2.52, 12.08 [Ordinance Nos. 998(76), 1386(93), 1424(97), 1504(04), 1629(16), 1677(21) and 1688(22)], Resolution Nos. 6146(18), ~~and 6171(18)~~, and 6518(22).