

ORDINANCE NO. 236

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 203, CREATING A PARKS COMMITTEE AND SETTING OPERATING RULES FOR SAID COMMITTEE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

This Ordinance supersedes any previous enabling ordinance creating a Parks Board or Parks Committee in their entirety.

Ordinance 203 is amended to read as follows:

- Section 1. **Parks Committee Composition.** The Parks Committee shall consist of seven members. The Committee shall include 6 citizens of Arlington and 1 Arlington Council member, appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. The Mayor shall appoint the committee at the first Council meeting in January each year to serve for that calendar year. The Mayor shall also be an ex-officio member of the committee.
- Section 2. **Parks Committee Terms.** Parks Committee members shall serve for a term of two years. Initial terms shall be staggered as follows: Four two-year terms; three one-year terms. In the event of a vacancy on the Parks Committee, the Mayor shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Members serve at the pleasure of the City Council.
- Section 3. **Parks Committee Purpose.** The purpose of the Committee will be to act as a resource for the City Council and the citizens of Arlington in collecting information, citizen comments and suggestions, and formulating and presenting recommendations to the City Council for action, on matters pertaining to the parks, trails, and recreational programs maintained by the City of Arlington.
- Section 4. **Parks Committee Organization.** The Parks Committee members by a simple majority vote shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from their members. The Chairman shall preside at Committee meetings. The Vice Chairman shall preside at Committee meetings in the Chairman's absence. The Committee by a simple majority vote may also elect a secretary from their members, to produce written records of the committee proceedings, prepare meeting notices and other correspondence of the committee. However, if the City Council determines that the secretary position is unduly burdensome for a citizen member of the committee, the City Council may instead assign a City Office staff person to the committee to act as secretary. In such case, the City staff person functioning as committee secretary shall not be a voting member of the committee.
- Section 5. **Parks Committee Meetings.** The Parks Committee shall meet whenever its Chairman deems appropriate, but no less often than quarterly. Meetings shall be held at a time

and place as set by the Chairman, to most conveniently accommodate the schedules of the Committee members.

- Section 6. Citizen Input. The Parks Committee shall encourage citizen input, including complaints, complements, or suggested changes to the park system or recreational programs. The Committee shall also review citizen input as referred to the Committee by the City Council. Such input shall be summarized and passed on to the City Council, along with the Committee recommendations for any action based on such citizen input.
- Section 7. Communication with City Council. The Parks Committee shall issue periodic reports to the City Council, either in written form or by appearance at City Council meetings, whenever the Committee feels the need has arisen to communicate with the Council, or whenever the Council requests a report from the Parks Committee. It is expected that the Mayor and the City Council member on the Committee shall also function as communicators between the City Council and the Committee.
- Section 8. Summer employment review. The Parks Committee shall assist the City Council by reviewing applications for the summer recreation program and making hiring recommendations to the City Council.

This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2009.

For City of Arlington

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