

Chapter 3

**PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION**

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Sec. 3-1. Commission Established.

There is hereby established a Parks and Recreation Commission. The word "Commission" when used herein shall mean the Parks and Recreation Commission. This Commission shall consist of up to nine (9) voting members, serving without pay. A non-voting member of this Commission shall not be considered in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present. Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice of and subject to the approval of the Council. Except as otherwise provided specifically herein, the term of office of the Commission members chosen from the residents at large shall be three (3) years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified, except that the members of such Commission will be appointed and/or reappointed to such terms in a manner that the terms of not more than three (3) members expire annually hereafter. A Council member shall be a nonvoting ex officio member of the Commission. The members shall hold office at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Mayor may revoke their appointment at any time and for any reasons deemed sufficient by the Mayor, with the advice and subject to the approval of the Council. Vacancies in such Commission, occurring otherwise than the expiration of term, shall be filled by the Mayor with the advice of and subject to the approval of the Council, for the unexpired term. Where possible, this Commission shall include at least one (1) student enrolled at least three quarters (3/4) time in a post secondary educational program, who shall serve a one (1) year term, which term may be renewed.

At least one (1) student enrolled in high school or an equivalent educational program shall serve as a non-voting member of this Commission for a one (1) year term, which term may be renewed. This Commission may also include at least one (1) Latah County resident who does not reside within City limits who shall serve as a voting member of this Commission for a three (3) year term.

(Ord. 89-02, 1/9/89; Ord. 2008-23, 10/20/2008; Ord. 2009-24, 12/07/2009)

Sec. 3-2. Organization.

The members of the Commission shall meet and organize by electing one of their members chairperson and such other officers as may be necessary, every year, on the first regularly scheduled meeting after January 1. The Commission shall have the power to adopt by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper conduct of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Said by-laws, rules and regulations are subject to the approval by the Mayor and Council. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail at all regular scheduled meetings. The Commission may establish subcommittees and/or advisory committees to advise and assist it in carrying out duties of the Commission.

(Ord. 2022-05, 02/22/2022)

Sec. 3-3. Duties.

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall advise the Mayor and Council on matters pertaining to public playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation facilities, and other recreation activities on any properties owned or controlled by the City, or on other properties with consent of the owner and occupants thereof. It shall review and recommend to the Council on matters concerning the conduct of recreation and cultural activities that will employ the leisure time of the people in a constructive and wholesome manner. The Commission shall plan and recommend short and long-term improvements, which will provide for the recreation and cultural needs of the people and the Parks and Recreation Commission shall have the authority to

make recommendations regarding Park and Recreation policy, program, personnel and budget.

Sec. 3-4. Gifts, Bequests.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, may, with the prior consent of the Council, solicit gifts and/or bequests of money and other property for parks and recreation purposes. If any gift or bequest of money or other property should be offered to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Commission shall inform the Clerk in writing of such offer, and it shall be the duty of the Clerk to submit the offer to the Council for acceptance or refusal at the meeting of the Council next following the date on which the Clerk is informed of the offer.

Sec. 3-5. Reports of Commission.

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall make reports from time to time as requested by the Mayor and/or the Council.