

ORDINANCE NO. 507

An ordinance of the City of Lovington, New Mexico, enacting a new Chapter of Title 2, Division V, Chapter 2.90 creating the Lovington Parks and Recreation Board, the membership thereof and providing rules and regulations for the conduct of business of such board, and defining the powers and the duties thereof.

WHEREAS, the City of Lovington provides parks and recreational facilities for the citizens of our community; and

WHEREAS, the input of our citizens in regards to such facilities is valued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO, that:

Chapter 2.90 Parks and Recreation Board of the Lovington Municipal Code of the City of Lovington, New Mexico, in the following form, is hereby enacted:

2.90.010 Intent

It is the intent of the City that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", shall:

- A. Represent the community at large and not any specific recreational organization; and
- B. The Board shall keep itself informed of City parks and recreation needs and to serve as a forum for public discussion; and
- C. To encourage the general use of parks and recreation programs including cooperation with other agencies and organizations that are involved in providing recreation services for the public good.

2.90.020 Membership and Appointment

The Board shall consist of seven (7) members, one of whom shall be a duly elected and qualified member of the City Commission. The Mayor, with the approval and consent of the City Commission, shall appoint the remaining six (6) from citizens. Three (3) shall reside within the City limits of Lovington, one (1) within the Lovington Extraterritorial Zone, and two (2) members between the ages of fifteen (15) and twenty (20). The Mayor, recreation director, parks director, and superintendent of the Lovington Municipal Schools shall be ex officio members of the Board, but shall have no vote in any of its proceedings.

2.90.030 Terms of Office

Initially, the Mayor shall appoint to the Board three (3) members for one (1) year, two (2) members for two (2) years and one (1) member for three (3) years. The City Commission member so appointed shall serve for a term concurrent with their duly elected term as a member of the City Commission. Thereafter, the terms of all Board members, except the member who is a City Commissioner, shall be for three (3) years, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified.

2.90.040 Vacancies

Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Board by reason of death, resignation, termination of residence in the city or removal from the Board for cause shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Commission, for the unexpired part or portion of the vacant membership.

2.90.050 Compensation

Members of the parks and recreation board shall serve without compensation.

2.90.060 Organization

The Board members, when appointed, shall meet within fifteen (15) days after their appointment to organize by the election of one of their members as chairperson and one as vice chairperson. The terms of the officers so elected shall be for one year and until their successors are elected by an annual election of the membership of the Board.

2.90.070 Meetings

The Board shall hold a regular meeting at least once per quarter and convene such specially called meetings as it may deem appropriate. The Board meetings will comply with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act and reasonable notice shall be provided to the public. Minutes shall be kept of all Board meetings.

2.90.080 Removal From Office

Any member of the Board provided in this chapter may be removed by the City Commission. Any member of the Parks and Recreation Board who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Board, without valid reason approved by the Board, shall be deemed to have resigned his/her office, and upon notice of such resignation, the Mayor, with the approval of the City Commission, shall appoint someone to fill out such member's term.

2.90.090 Duties

The Board shall:

- A. Carry out the policies of the City Commission and receive, study and recommend to the City Commission all requests by individuals or groups in reference to the activities, programs and plans of the commission.
- B. Advise and consult with the City Commission on public reaction to the activities of the Board.
- C. Make recommendations as to priority for additions to or construction of parks or recreation facilities.
- D. Have no power to make any final determination upon any of the foregoing matters and shall have advisory powers only.

Passed, adopted and approved this 28th day of May, 2013.



CITY OF LOVINGTON

Dixie Drummond
DIXIE DRUMMOND, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Ann Hogue
CAROL ANN HOGUE, City Clerk