

CITY OF NEWPORT

ORDINANCE NO. 2034

An Ordinance Repealing and Re-Enacting  
Chapter 2.05.040 of the Newport Municipal Code  
Pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Committee

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that community recreational services are an important component in the quality of life for Newport residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established a Recreation Facilities Management Review Task Force which recommended that the composition of the Parks and Recreation Committee be increased to better serve all aspects of parks and recreations services.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 2.05.040 of the Newport Municipal Code is repealed and re-enacted as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

Section 2. Exhibit A. will change the number of Committee members from five to fifteen. The current Parks and Recreation Committee members will remain on the Committee until the regular expiration of their terms.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after passage.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

Signed by the Mayor on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

  
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Mark McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

EXHIBIT A.

2.05.040 Parks and Recreation Committee

- A. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall consist of fifteen members and shall serve two year terms. Ten members must be residents of the City of Newport. The Parks and Recreation Director shall serve ex officio and shall act as secretary for the Committee.
- B. Five subcommittees will be established as follows:
  1. Parks;
  2. Tree City USA;
  3. Recreation Programs;
  4. Recreation Center;
  5. Swimming Pool.
- C. Subcommittees shall not include more than one non-resident of the city.
- D. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall have the following rights, responsibilities, and authority:
  1. To make recommendations to the City Council concerning parks, recreation center, recreation programs, and swimming pool. Recommendations may include the acquisition, development, use, operation, and disposition of parks, facilities, rules, regulations, and programming.
  2. To periodically update a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal and disposition of trees in parks, along public streets, and in other public places.
    - a. As part of this plan, a list of acceptable species shall be developed and maintained for planting trees along public streets. The list shall provide spacing and planting details for each species, and divide trees into three classes based upon mature height: small (under 30 feet); medium (30 to 50 feet) and large (over 50 feet);
    - b. The plan may include criteria for determining, and standards for protecting heritage trees within the city. The purpose of the heritage tree designation is to recognize, foster appreciation of, and protect trees having significance to the community. Criteria may include such things as species rarity, age, size, quality, association with historical events or persons, or scenic enhancement;

- c. A draft of the plan and any amendments thereof, shall be presented to the City Council and, upon Council acceptance and approval, will constitute the official tree plan for the city. Adoption by the City Council shall be by resolution; and
- d. The plan shall be reviewed at least once in every three-year period after initial approval.
- e. To obtain the annual Tree City USA designation by the National Arbor Day Foundation, including coordination of an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.