

CITY OF NEWPORT

ORDINANCE NO. 2188

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.05.040 OF THE NEWPORT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Section 2.05.040 of the Newport Municipal Code (NMC) defines the composition of the Parks and Recreation Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee would like to amend the composition of the Committee to reflect historical and practical participation and application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision was reviewed and recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee, with a recommendation to the City Council to consider an amendment to this section of the Newport Municipal Code.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above findings are hereby adopted as support for the amendments below.

Section 2. Section 2.05.040 currently reads as follows:

- A. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall consist of eleven members who shall serve two-year terms. Six 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. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall have the following rights, responsibilities, and authority:
 1. To make recommendations to the City Council concerning parks and trails, recreation center, aquatic center, recreation programs, and Tree City and Bee City USA. Recommendations may include the acquisition, development, use, operation, and disposition of parks, facilities, rules, regulations, and programming.
 2. To serve as the city's Tree Board, with authority to approve or deny requests for public tree removal pursuant to Chapter 9.10 (Right-of-Way-Permits) and with the responsibility to study, investigate, develop and periodically update a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal and disposition of trees and plantings 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.

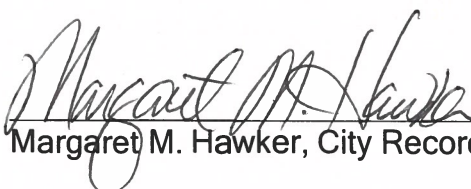
Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after adoption.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on September 7, 2021.



CM Hall, Council President

ATTEST:



Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder