



Ordinance No. 138

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PATTISON ESTABLISHING A PARKS BOARD; ESTABLISHING APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND REMOVAL; ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITIES; DEFINING A QUORUM.

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks by the establishment of a Parks Board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Pattison, Texas by providing a vision and an orderly process for the development of future parks and recreation areas for the City of Pattison.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS THAT:

Findings. That the facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and are adopted as part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

Sec. 1. Established and Membership.

There is established a Parks Board for the City.

The Parks Board shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) but not more than seven (7) voting members, each of whom shall be, at the time of appointment and at all other times while serving as a member of such Board, resident property owners and or owners of real property within the incorporated limits of the city, and or residents that reside within Royal Independent School District. Further, the City Council, may from time to time appoint additional ex officio members to the Board. This position may participate in debate but may not vote on issues before the Board. To be eligible for an ex officio position on the Board the member shall be a resident of the city or own land within the incorporated limits of the city.

Sec. 2. Definition.

Park means a public park, playground, recreation center or any other area within the city which is owned or used by the city, or used pursuant to a joint use agreement with the City and another private of public entity, and devoted to active or passive recreation.

Sec. 3. Appointment and term of office.

The Mayor shall nominate, and with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint and may remove at any time the members of the Parks Board. Each member shall serve for a term of two years; three (3) members to be appointed in every odd-numbered year and four (4) members to be appointed in every even numbered year. Parks Board members so appointed and approved may be reappointed, subject to approval by City Council, following each term of service. Vacancies for unexpired terms of any member whose position becomes vacant shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor, subject to approval by the City Council. Newly selected members shall be duly sworn and installed at the earliest possible City Council meeting.

Sec. 4. Compensation, removal.

(a) Members of the Parks Board shall serve without compensation.

- (b) Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and are subject to removal by the Mayor at any time, with or without cause, subject to a concurrence by a majority vote of the City Council. Members shall have no expectation of continued service either in the position or on the Parks Board. A member who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Parks Board may be subject to removal.

Sec. 5. Meetings.

The Parks Board shall meet monthly as business shall require and shall designate the date, time, and place of its meetings. It shall hold such special meetings as shall be called by the chair or a majority of its members.

Sec. 6. Duties of Parks Board.

The Parks Board shall serve at the direction of City Council in an advisory capacity to the City Council regarding policy matters pertaining to city parks, sporting events, recreation, litter prevention, waste reduction and beautification programs. The Parks Board shall have the following specific purposes:

- (a) Review and make advisory recommendations to the City Council on proposed park acquisitions, additions and improvements.
- (b) Review and make advisory recommendations on parks and recreation matters submitted by the City Council.
- (c) Promote and stimulate public interest in parks and recreational programs and assist in solicitation of the cooperation of public and private agencies that may have a direct or indirect involvement in parks and recreation.
- (d) Advise the City Council on matters related to current and future sports events in the City.
- (e) Advise and assist the City Council on creating effective citywide policies for litter prevention, beautification programs, and waste reduction in the City.

Sec. 7. Procedures.

- (a) **Quorum and vote.** Each Parks Board member in attendance at a duly called and noticed meeting may vote. All matters to be heard by the Parks Board shall be considered by a minimum of three (3) members, which shall be the quorum necessary for conducting a meeting. The concurring vote of a majority of the members in attendance shall be necessary for the passage of any motion.
- (b) **Organization.** The Mayor shall appoint a chair and vice chair of the Parks Board from its membership. The Parks Board shall elect a secretary from among its members. These members shall serve in such capacities concurrent with their period of service.
- (c) **Rules.** The following rules shall govern the Parks Board:
 - (1) The Parks Board shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Texas Open Meetings and Texas Public Information Act, and shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of all meetings and all documents, and actions, all of which shall be promptly filed in the office of the City Secretary.

- (2) The Parks Board shall report to City Council annually and from time to time as directed by the Mayor.
- (3) The member of the Board shall disqualify themselves from discussion and voting whenever they find that they have a personal or monetary interest in any matter before the Board. Said member shall make known in open meeting said personal or monetary interest.

Sec. 8. Limitation of powers.

The Parks Board shall have no right, power or authority to obligate or bind the city in any manner whatsoever.

Sec. 9. Severability.

In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Pattison, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

Sec. 10. Repealing Conflict.


All provisions in conflict with the provision of this Ordinance shall be, and the same are hereby repealed, and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 11. Adoption and effective date of ordinance.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its approval and passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED and EFFECTIVE on the 2nd day of February 2021.

APPROVED:



Joe Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lorene Hartfiel, City Secretary