

CHAPTER 3

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

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3-3-1: MEMBERSHIP; APPOINTMENT:

The Artesia recreation advisory commission (the "commission") shall consist of seven (7) members, one of whom shall be a duly elected and qualified member of the city council. The remaining six (6) members shall be appointed from citizens residing within ten (10) miles of the intersection of 13th and Main Streets, Artesia, New Mexico, by the mayor of the city, with the approval and consent of the city council. The mayor, recreation director, park supervisor and superintendent of the city schools shall be ex officio members of the commission, but shall have no vote in any of its proceedings. (Ord. 817, 4-14-2009)

3-3-2: TERMS OF OFFICE:

Initially, the mayor shall appoint to the commission three (3) members for one year, two (2) members for two (2) years and one member for three (3) years. The city council member so appointed shall serve for a term concurrent with his duly elected term as a member of the city council. Thereafter, the terms of all commission members, except the member who is a city council person, shall be for three (3) years, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. (1996 Code § 2.24.030)

3-3-3: VACANCIES:

Vacancies occurring in the membership of the commission by reason of death, resignation, termination of residence in the city or removal from the commission for cause shall be filled by appointment by the mayor, with the approval of the governing body, for the unexpired part or portion of the vacant membership. (1996 Code § 2.24.060)

3-3-4: REMOVALS FROM OFFICE:

Any commission member who shall, by his or her conduct, be subject to removal for cause, shall be entitled to a hearing before the city council and shall be entitled to representation at such hearing and shall be removed if three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of all of the members of the city council find that cause exists for removal of such member. Cause for removal shall include, but is not limited to, unwillingness on the part of the commission member to attend the regular commission meetings without proper excuse. Any commission member who shall miss two (2) consecutive meetings without excuse; that is, without some good reason or prior commitment causing the member to miss two (2) consecutive meetings, shall be subject to removal from the commission for cause. Any commission member having a proper reason for not being in attendance at a regular commission meeting shall get in touch with the chairman of the commission prior to the meeting, and the chairman shall excuse the commission member from attending the meeting if the excuse is valid and sufficient, and the commission member's absence from the meeting shall thereupon be considered as an excused absence. (1996 Code § 2.24.070)

3-3-5: COMPENSATION; OATH:

Members of the recreation advisory commission shall serve without compensation and shall qualify by taking an oath to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of such office. (1996 Code § 2.24.040)

3-3-6: ORGANIZATION:

A. Officers: The commission members, when appointed, shall qualify within ten (10) days of the appointment and shall meet within fifteen (15) days after their appointment and qualification to organize by the election of one of their members as chairman, one as vice chairman, one as secretary and to such other offices as they may create. 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 commission. (1996 Code § 2.24.030)

B. Meetings:

1. The commission shall hold a regular meeting at least once per quarter at such date and time as it may establish, and it may convene such specially called meetings as it may deem appropriate. (Ord. 757, 5-22-2007)

2. Minutes shall be kept of all commission meetings, a copy of which shall be given to each member of the city council. (1996 Code § 2.24.080)

3-3-7: DUTIES:

The commission shall:

A. Carry out the policies of the city council and receive, study and recommend to the city council all requests by individuals or groups in reference to the activities, programs and plans of the commission.

B. Advise and consult with the city council on public reaction to the activities of the commission.

- C. Submit to the city council for approval a budget for each fiscal year.
- D. Make recommendations as to priority for additions to or construction of recreation facilities. (1996 Code § 2.24.080; amd. 2002 Code)
- E. Make a quarterly report to the city council of its activities. (Ord. 757, 5-22-2007)
- F. Have no power to make any final determination upon any of the foregoing matters and shall have advisory powers only. (1996 Code § 2.24.080; amd. 2002 Code)