



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE ABOLISHING JONESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, ESTABLISHING THE JONESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Jonesboro to abolish the Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Commission and,

WHEREAS, it is the further desires of the City Council to establish the Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Planning and Advisory Committee, which Committee will be better suited and adopted to advise the City Council on matters relating to Parks and Recreation and,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Commission as created and established under Title 12 Chapter 12.04 is hereby abolished.

SECTION 2: That there is hereby created and established the Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Planning and Advisory Committee. Membership of said committee shall consist of seven members not to exceed twelve members. The members to be appointed to the commission initially are the current seven parks and recreation commission members. Said members shall maintain their current term expiration dates previously established during their service on the parks and recreation commission.

SECTION 3: Said committee members shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Said members shall be composed of representative public spirited citizens and residents of the City of Jonesboro. In addition to the above set forth qualifications, said members may also be identified with organized civic activities, provided that a majority of the commission shall not at any one time consist of representatives of one non-public organization.

SECTION 4: The committee shall each year elect one of its members as chair person and such officers as may be deemed proper and necessary, and shall establish such rules and by-laws as it deems necessary for its guidance.

SECTION 5: In the event of vacancies caused by death, incapacity, resignation or any other reason, a successor shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Appointment to any term on the committee shall begin on the day following the first council meeting in January of each year and said committee member shall serve and hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified.

SECTION 6: The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Planning and Advisory Committee shall be to advise the City Council on matters relating to long range plans for the parks department growth and activities, to better serve the citizens of Jonesboro. Said committee shall assist in establishing priorities for community recreation needs, developing effective expansion strategy and funding sources. The committee shall meet as needed, with the minimum quarterly meeting. The committee chair shall serve as an ad hoc member of and primary liaison

with the Parks Committee of the City Council of the City of Jonesboro.

SECTION 7: Any committee member may be removed for cause upon a vote of two-third of the duly elected and qualified members of the City Council of the City of Jonesboro.

SECTION 8: That the Parks Committee of the Jonesboro City Council shall function in the place of the former Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Commission, to review all rules, regulation, schedules and management of the Parks Department on a basis consistent with other city departments.

SECTION 9: That Sections 12.04.01 through 12.04.10 are specifically repealed. That all ordinances or amendments thereto in conflict herewith are further repealed.

SECTION 10: Emergency Clause. There being a need for abolishing the existing commission and establishing a new committee for purposes of better management of the parks and recreation facilities for the City of Jonesboro, the same being necessary for the preservation of the peace, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Jonesboro and emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th day of March, 1995.