

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.58 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND MEETING FREQUENCY OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.58 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code establishes the Parks and Recreation Committee to advise the City Council on matters related to parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the current Municipal Code includes responsibilities related to park inspections and broadly references operational, maintenance, management, and control functions; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains professional inspection and maintenance systems for parks and facilities, and the City Council finds that formal assignment of inspection responsibilities to Committee members duplicates existing operational processes and extends the Committee's role beyond advisory policy input; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Committee should be refined to emphasize parks and recreation policy, long-range planning, and major initiatives, while operational and maintenance functions remain administrative responsibilities of City staff; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines because it has no potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable physical change in the environment, and, in the alternative, is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Section 2.58.030 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 2.58.030 Meetings.**

The Parks and Recreation Committee may hold regular meetings every other month on such date, time, and place as set by committee resolution or minute order.

SECTION 3. Amendment to Section 2.58.040 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 2.58.040 Responsibilities.**

The Parks and Recreation Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters relating to parks and recreation. The Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. **Policy and Long-Range Planning.** Review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding parks and recreation policy, long-range planning, and master planning.
- B. **Community Input.** Receive and communicate community input regarding parks, recreation programs, amenities, and priorities.
- C. **Major Projects and Initiatives.** Review and make recommendations regarding significant parks and recreation projects, capital improvements, program enhancements, and other major policy matters affecting parks and recreation.
- D. **Liaisons and Coordination.** Members may be appointed by the Committee or City Council to serve as a liaison with other counties, districts, cities, agencies, commissions, committees, organizations, or groups as may be appropriate.
- E. **Advisory Role.** The Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council on policy matters concerning parks and recreation. Operational matters, including facility inspections, maintenance, and day-to-day administration, shall remain the responsibility of City staff.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is intended to clarify the advisory role of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Any prior provisions or practices inconsistent with this Ordinance, including formal assignment of park inspections to Committee members, are hereby superseded.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after adoption, the City Clerk shall cause the Ordinance, or a summary thereof, to be published in the manner required by law.

ADOPTED ON \_\_\_\_\_.

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EVAN TRUBEE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANTHONY J. MEJIA  
CITY CLERK

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ is a full, true, and correct copy, and was introduced at a regular meeting of the Palm Desert City Council on \_\_\_\_\_, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on \_\_\_\_\_.

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ANTHONY J. MEJIA  
CITY CLERK