

Article 15
Public Amenities Commission

§ 2-9.1501. Public Amenities Commission.

There is hereby created a Public Amenities Commission.
(Ord. 3272-24 c.s., eff. August 28, 2024)

§ 2-9.1502. Membership and terms.

- (a) **Membership.** The Commission shall consist of seven members. Unless otherwise authorized by the City Council, one member shall be appointed from each Council district and two members shall be appointed at large.
 - (1) The Mayor, to the extent practicable, shall make reasonable efforts to reassign current commissioners from the former Historical, Library, Preservation, and Recreation & Parks Commissions with existing terms to a suitable Commission.
 - (2) To the extent practicable, three members shall be appointed from among professionals in the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, urban planning, archeology, or other historic preservation or related disciplines, such as American Studies, American Civilization, cultural geography, or anthropology. All members of the Public Amenities Commission shall have a demonstrated interest, competence, experience, or knowledge in historic preservation, art and literature, and the cultural heritage of the City.
- (b) **Terms.** The members of the Public Amenities Commission shall serve for terms commencing October 1 and ending September 30 or as soon thereafter as his or her successor is appointed. The term lengths shall be staggered as follows: three members' terms shall end two years from the date of appointment; four members' terms shall end four years from the date of appointment. The duration of each member's term shall be within the Mayor and City Council's discretion.
- (c) The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council, within 60 days after the expiration of the four-year term or within 60 days after a vacancy occurs. If the Mayor shall have failed to make an appointment within such period, any member of the Council may nominate an eligible person to fill such vacancy. Four affirmative votes of the Council to appoint such nominated person shall result in the appointment. Any appointment to fill an unexpired term shall be for such unexpired period.
- (d) No person shall serve more than two full terms on the Commission, and no person shall serve simultaneously on more than one board or commission.
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§ 2-9.1503. Powers and duties.

The Public Amenities Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) Historical resource and amenities powers and duties:

- (1) Investigate, maintain, and catalog all historical information, documents, records and pictures that would be of general interest to the City and its citizens;
 - (2) Compile records and recordings;
 - (3) Promote the keeping of a written historical record of the City in narrative form;
 - (4) Perform volunteer services at the Redondo Beach Historical Museum;
 - (5) Participate in, promote, and conduct public information, educational, interpretive programs pertaining to historic resources;
- (b) Preservation program and ordinance duties:
- (1) Study, review, conduct public hearings, and make decisions regarding proposed designations and removal of designations of landmarks and historic districts;
 - (2) Maintain a register of landmarks and historic districts within the City;
 - (3) Determine an appropriate system of markers for landmarks and historic districts;
 - (4) Adopt application and submittal requirements for Certificates of Appropriateness to alter, restore, demolish, remove, or relocate any landmark or any improvement located within a historic district and adopt prescriptive standards to be used by the Commission in reviewing such applications;
 - (5) Review and render decisions regarding all alteration, restoration, demolition, removal, and relocation proposals related to landmarks and properties within historic districts in conjunction with applications for Certificates of Appropriateness pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 10 of this Code;
 - (6) Conduct, or cause to be conducted, a comprehensive survey of those properties within the boundaries of the City which have not been surveyed at the time the Commission is established;
 - (7) Prepare, or cause to be prepared, various preservation-related documents intended to assist the owners of historic resources and the Commission in their review of applications. These may include a general information booklet describing historic styles, a rehabilitation manual or design guidelines;
 - (8) Develop, or cause to be developed, and recommend to the City Council a program of incentives for preservation of historic resources;
 - (9) Investigate and report to the City Council on the use of various Federal, State, local or private funding resources and mechanisms available to promote historic resource preservation within the City;
 - (10) Review and comment upon proposed modifications in regulation regarding land use, housing and redevelopment, municipal improvement, and other types of planning and programs undertaken by any agency of the City, the County or State, which directly affect landmarks and historic districts;

- (11) Retain consultants and conduct studies, as the Commission deems desirable or necessary subject to prior approval of expenditures of City funds by the City Council;
 - (12) Cooperate with other local, County, State and Federal Government in the pursuit of the objectives of historic preservation;
 - (13) Render advice and guidance, upon the request of the property owner or occupant, on the alteration, restoration, landscaping or maintenance of any historic resource within the City;
- (c) Recreation and Parks duties:
- (1) Act as adviser to the City Council in all matters pertaining to public recreation, including playgrounds and entertainment;
 - (2) With the assistance of the Community Services Director, prepare an annual estimate or budget purposes for the funds necessary to carry on an adequate recreational program in the City and submit such estimate to the City Manager;
 - (3) Assist in every way with the development of recreation in the City, stimulate public interest in such recreation program and cooperate with schools located in the City and all other agencies relative to securing and developing a full and complete recreational program;
- (d) Library duties:
- (1) Plan a program for the development, extension, maintenance, and improvement of library facilities and park facilities in the City.
- (e) Any other duties or responsibilities as directed by City Council.
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