

Article 15

**Proposed Amendments to RBMC Ordinance re 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.~~

**ORDINANCE NO. XXXX-XX**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2,  
CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 15, SECTIONS 2-9.1502 AND 2-  
9.1503 PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC AMENITIES**

**COMMISSION**

**[RECITALS]**

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO  
BEACH,

CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Title 2, Chapter 9, Article 15, Section 2-  
9.1502 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

“§ 2-9.1502 Appointment of members.

~~(a)~~ (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)~~ (b) 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.~~

~~(Ord. 3272-24 e.s., eff. August 28, 2024)~~

§ 2-9.1503. SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Title 2, Chapter 9, Article 15, Section 2-9.1503 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

“§ 2-9.1503 Powers and duties.

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

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

~~(1) Investigate, maintain, and catalog all~~ (1) Provide recommendations related to public access to historical information, documents, records and pictures ~~that would be of general interest to~~ Of 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~~ (2) Recommend public information, educational, interpretive programs pertaining to historic resources;

(3) Make recommendations on the content of public plaques, signs and similar displays at properties with documented historic resources in the City of Redondo Beach.

(4) Recommend historic sites, buildings, etc. for application of historic site designations and placards. Upon approval by the City Council, support the appropriate application documents and filings.

~~(b)~~ (b) Preservation program and ordinance duties:

~~(1) Study, review, conduct~~ (1) Conduct public hearings, and make decisions regarding proposed designations and removal of designations of landmarks and historic districts;

~~(2) Maintain a~~ (2) Review and advise the City Council on the currentness and completeness of the City's register of landmarks and historic districts within the City;

~~(3) Determine an~~ (3) Recommend 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~~ (4) Adopt prescriptive standards to be used by the Commission in reviewing ~~such applications~~ Certificates of Appropriateness;

~~(5) (5) Review and render decisions regarding all alteration, restoration~~ significant alterations, 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,~~ (6) Review and make recommendations on 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;~~
- ~~Develop,~~ historic styles, a rehabilitation manual or ~~cause to be developed, and recommend~~ design guidelines;
- ~~(8)~~ (7) Recommend to the City Council a program of incentives for preservation of historic resources;
- ~~(9)~~ (8) 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)~~ (9) 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~~(10) Recommend consultants and ~~conduct~~ studies, as the Commission deems desirable or necessary ~~subject to prior~~to conduct its role, and pending City Council approval ~~of expenditures of City funds by~~to retain such consultants and studies, the ~~City Council~~Commission shall review the resulting work product;

~~(12)~~ (11) 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~~(12) Provide written responses to requests from property ~~owner or occupant, or~~owners seeking findings under the Preservation Ordinance related to the alteration, restoration, landscaping or maintenance of any historic resource within the City;

~~(c)~~ (c) Recreation and Parks duties:

~~(1)~~ (1) Act as adviser to the City Council in all matters pertaining to public recreation programs, including playgrounds and public recreation related entertainment;

~~(2) With~~(2) Review and provide recommendations to the ~~assistance of City Council on the~~ Community Services Director, prepare an annual estimate or budget ~~purposes for the funds necessary to carry on an adequate~~related to recreational program inprogramming across the City ~~and submit such estimate to~~through the City Manager;

~~(3) Assist in every way with~~(3) Provide recommendations related to the development of recreation in the City, help stimulate public interest in such recreation program, and ~~cooperate~~collaborate with schools located in the City and all other agencies relative to securing and developing a full and complete recreational ~~program~~programs;

~~(d)~~ (d) Library duties:

~~(1) Plan a program~~(1) Evaluate and provide recommendations for the development, extension, maintenance, and improvement of library facilities and ~~park facilities~~library programs in the City.

(e) Any other duties or responsibilities as directed by City Council. ~~(Ord. 3272-24 c.s., eff. August 28, 2024), City Manager, or staff liaison with the approval and/or at the direction of the City Manager.~~

SECTION 3. Any provisions of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code, or appendices thereto, or any other ordinances of the City inconsistent herewith, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be published by one insertion in the official newspaper of said city, and same shall go into effect and be in full force and operation from and after thirty (30) days after its final passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this XXth day of XXXXX, 2025.

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James A. Light, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: ATTEST:

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(e) Joy A. Ford, City Attorney Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk