

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX-XX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SECTIONS 2-9.201 THROUGH 2-9.803 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION, AND ADDING SECTIONS 2-9.1601 THROUGH 2-9.1604 REGARDING OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE POLICE, FIRE, AND HOMELESS SERVICES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, during its regular meeting on July 1, 2025, the City Council discussed and approved repealing the Public Safety Commission;

WHEREAS, from time to time, the City's Police Department, Fire Department, and City Attorney's Office consider requesting approval by the City Council and Mayor of proposed contracts, funding, legislation and policy initiatives for their respective departments;

WHEREAS, on occasion, these proposed contracts, funding, legislation and policy initiatives involve significant issues and considerations that substantively impact the ***quality of life, public safety, privacy, or other major concerns*** of the City's residents, which deserve due and thorough consideration by the City Council and Mayor;

WHEREAS, while considering such proposed contracts, funding, legislation and policy initiatives, the City Council and Mayor may benefit from receiving prompt advisory input, evaluation, and recommendations from a commission of residents prior to deliberating and deciding upon whether, and to what extent, to approve any such proposals;

WHEREAS, the powers and duties of such a commission must be very narrowly focused and restricted, and take into consideration the limited time and resources of the City and its staff;

WHEREAS, as such, the decision of whether and when to assign any matters, *if at all*, to such a commission for consideration in the first instance must be *within the sole discretion and judgment* of the respective City departments and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no expectation of, nor requirement for, regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission, and Commissioners must be prepared to attend Commission meetings when they are scheduled, and to act, on short notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

SECTION 2. ADDITION OF CODE SECTION. Section 2-9.1601 through 2-9.1604 of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code are hereby added and shall read as follows:

“§ 2-9.1601 **Police, Fire, and Homeless Services.**

There is hereby created a Police, Fire, and Homeless Services Commission.

§ 2-9.1602 **Membership and Terms.**

- (a) Membership. The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Unless otherwise authorized by the City Council, one member shall be appointed from each Council district.
- (b) Terms. The members of the Police, Fire and Homeless Services Commission shall serve for a term of four years, commencing October 1 and ending September 30, or as soon thereafter as his or her successor is appointed.

§ 2-9.1603 **Powers and Duties.**

- (a) The Commission shall act ***solely as an advisory board*** to the City Council and Mayor, and only with respect to matters assigned to it from time to time by, or at the direction of the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, City Attorney, City Manager, or City Council, concerning proposed contracts, funding, legislation or policy initiatives that may substantively impact the quality of life, public safety, privacy, or other major concerns of the City's residents.
- (b) The Commission shall promptly, with the assistance of City staff, study, discuss, evaluate, and make ***written reasoned recommendations*** in an advisory capacity directly to the City Council and Mayor for consideration, as to those specific matters assigned to the Commission. Those recommendations may be issued by the Commission as a whole, and/or by individual Commissioners.

§ 2-9.1604 **The Limited and Restricted Scope of the Powers and Duties of the Commission.**

- (a) The Commission is a reviewing and recommending body only, except as provided in this Article, and the Commission shall have no other powers or duties.
- (b) As such, the Commission, and its individual Commissioners, ***shall have no power, duties, responsibility, role, or authority to***, among other things to:
 - (1) ***Agendize*** for discussion, investigate, or otherwise address, or request to consider, any matters not assigned to it by, or at the

direction of, the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, City Attorney, City Manager, or City Council; or,

- (2) Demand that any particular City staff, personnel, contractor, elected official or any other person or entity participate at or appear before a meeting of the Commission; or,
- (3) Demand that any particular documents or information be provided to the Commission; or,
- (4) Direct, interfere with or participate in the operations or management of any City department, staff, personnel, or contractor, or attempt to do so; or,
- (5) Review, evaluate, investigate, or comment upon matters which are within the duties and functions of any other City commission or committee, and not specifically assigned to the Commission; or,
- (6) Review, evaluate, investigate, or comment upon individual personnel complaints involving any City department, personnel, contractor, elected officials, or others; or,
- (7) Represent to be acting for or on behalf of the City, its staff, personnel, or contractors, or any City elected officials, nor commit the officers, employees, or staff of the City in any manner or to any course of action. To the contrary, the commission shall act as a study center and clearinghouse for advisory action to the City Council and Mayor.