

ORDINANCE NO. 3300-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 2-9.702 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-9.704, AND 2-9.709, AND RENUMBERING TO 2-9.703 AND 2-9.704, RESPECTIVELY, AND DELETING SECTIONS 2-9.705, 2-9.706, 2-9.707, 2-9.708, 2-9.709, 2-9.712 AND 2-9.714; AND RENUMBERING SECTIONS 2-9.710 TO 2-9.705; AND 2-9.711 TO 2-9.706 PERTAINING TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach employs a number of Commissions that serve as advisory and decision-making bodies that provide public input and expertise to the City Council on specific areas of interest; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Commissions has evolved through the years; and

WHEREAS, several sections of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code sections related to the City's Commissions have become outdated and no longer reflect the role they play for the City; and

WHEREAS, the evolution of Commission-related ordinances has resulted in duplicative and conflicting elements that complicate operations and are in need of revisions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to clearly define the role of each commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure the Redondo Beach Municipal Code accurately reflects the needs served by each Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to eliminate conflicting elements of the Commission-related ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to clearly define objective attendance requirements for Commissioners.

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 7, Section 2-9.702 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

"§ 2-9.702 Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the Commission shall be limited to the harbor-pier area boundary as delineated on the map set forth in Section 10-2.2512 of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code.”

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Title 2, Chapter 9, Article 7, Section 2-9.704 is hereby amended and renumbered to Section 2-9.703 and shall read as follows:

“§ 2-9.703 Qualifications for appointment.

Unless otherwise authorized by the City Council, appointments to the Commission shall be in accordance with the following criteria:

(a) One member shall be a sailboat or powerboat owner who regularly uses the boating facilities in King Harbor. The boating representative is intended to represent and further the interests of the boaters and vessel operators in King Harbor.

(b) One member may be selected from a list of names submitted by any commercial harbor/pier association. Any list of names submitted by a harbor/pier association shall be submitted to the City Clerk's Department no later than 5 days prior to the close of the deadline for Commissioner applications. The Mayor may select a member from one of these lists of names, or alternatively, select a member at-large.

(c) One member shall be a person who lives adjacent to, but at least 500 feet outside of, the jurisdiction of the Commission. This person shall not be a sailboat or powerboat owner, or a member of any commercial harbor/pier association. The intent of this representative is to further the interests of residents who live in close proximity to, and may be most regularly and directly impacted by, and benefited from, operations and development in the harbor.

(d) Each of the remaining members of the Commission shall have training and experience in one or more of the following disciplines or designations:

(1) An engineer with a degree in engineering and at least three years of engineering experience. The intent of the engineering representative is to add engineering insight into the Commission's deliberations;

(2) A member of the Bar of the State with at least three years of legal experience as an attorney. The intent of the legal experience is to add practical legal insight, experience, and considerations, as well as additional critical and analytical thought, into the Commission's deliberations, which may include contracts, complex issues, and other relevant matters.

(3) A person with at least three years of experience in leasing or managing rental property. The intent of the property management representative is to add property management insight into the Commission's deliberations.

(4) A person with at least three years of experience managing a retail, restaurant, or marine-related business. The intent of the business management representative is to add business management and operations insight into the Commission's deliberations.

(5) A person with at least three years of experience in a marine and/or watercraft education related profession or practice. The intent of this representative is to add marine and/or watercraft educational representation into the Commission's deliberations.

(6) A person with at least three years of experience in construction management or development. The intent of the construction representative is to add construction insight into the Commission's deliberations.

(7) A person who is a recreational user of the harbor and surrounding waters, and is not a sailboat or powerboat owner or member of any commercial harbor/pier association. The recreational user representative is intended to represent and further the interests of additional recreational uses of the harbor area by a category of persons who may not otherwise be represented on the Commission.

(8) Any of the following:

(a) A certified public accountant, or an officer of a financial institution, with at least three years of experience;

(b) An oceanographer or marine engineer with at least three years of experience;

(c) A State-licensed real estate broker with at least three years of experience;

(d) A State-licensed general contractor with at least three years of experience;

(e) A practicing economic or financial consultant with at least three years of experience;

(f) A commercial developer with at least three years of experience;

(g) An executive or owner/operator of a business with at least three years of experience;

(h) A management level employee with at least three years of experience with a public or governmental entity;

(i) A management level employee with at least three years of experience in harbor recreational development.

(e) A member of the Commission who qualifies for appointment under more than one criteria, discipline, or designation, may, over the duration of that member's term, have that criteria, discipline, or designation changed when a vacancy of the Commission is filled.

(f) No more than three Commissioners may be members of the same public or private club, association, or organization, that exists within the Harbor Commission's geographic jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Title 2, Chapter 9, Article 7, Section 2-9.709 is hereby amended and renumbered to Section 2-9.704 to read as follows:

“§ 2-9.704 Powers and duties.

(a) The Commission shall hold hearings on all applications for Administrative Design Review, Planning Commission Design Review, Conditional Use Permits, Variances, Planned Development Review, Development Agreements, and Temporary Use Permits for the use and development of lands within the jurisdiction of the Commission as provided for in Section 10-2.2512 of Article 12 of Chapter 2 of Title 10 of this Code.

(b) The Commission shall hold hearings on any matter concerning the commercial or recreational development within its jurisdiction. This shall include those matters listed in subdivision (a) above and applications provided for in Section 10-2.2512, hearings related to Coastal Development Permits, and environmental studies, within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

(c) The Commission shall advise the City Council on recommendations and concerns related to the current and future commercial and recreational development of the harbor. The Commission shall be informed of applications for General Plan Amendments, Rezoning, and Local Coastal Program being proposed in the area of its jurisdiction. Unless otherwise directed by the City Council, City Manager, or staff liaison with the approval and/or at the direction of the City Manager, the Commission shall review and advise the City Council on proposed General Plan, zoning, and Local Coastal Program changes to the area under its jurisdiction.

(Ref 10.2.2512)

(d) The Commission shall be advised on all new and assigned lease and sublease arrangements with the City relating to harbor lands, facilities, or improvements in its jurisdiction. Periodically, the Commission shall review, and advise the City Council, concerning vacancies and leasing or subleasing trends in the harbor and pier area under its jurisdiction.

(e) The Commission shall advise the City Council of concerns and/or recommendations related to land-side and/or water-side operations within its jurisdiction. The Commission shall receive periodic reports from Harbor Master/Patrol and Police on incidents, responses, and crime in the area of the Commission jurisdiction. The Commission may make recommendations to the City Council related to public safety in the harbor.

(f) The Commission shall advise the City Council on any other matter concerning the harbor when so requested by the City Council, City Manager, or staff liaison with the approval and/or at the direction of the City Manager.”

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Title 2, Chapter 9, Article 7, Sections 2-9.705, 2-9.706, 2-9.707, 2-9.708, 2-9.709, and 2-9.712 are hereby deleted in their entirety.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Title 2, Chapter 9, Article 7, Section 2-9.710 is renumbered to Section 2-9.705; Section 2-9.711 is renumbered to 2-9.706; and Section 2-9.714 is renumbered to 2-9.707.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. This ordinance shall be published by one insertion in the official newspaper of said city, or published in conformance with the alternative publication requirements pursuant to Redondo Beach City Charter §9.15 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 14th day of October, 2025.

James A. Light, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Joy A. Ford, City Attorney

Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 3300-25 was duly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 7th day of October, 2025, and was duly approved and adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 14th day of October, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk