

ORDINANCE NO. 3304-25

**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**

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WHEREAS, several sections of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code sections related to the City's Commissions have become outdated and no longer reflect the role they play for the City; and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 15, Section 2-9.1502 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

“§ 2-9.1502 Appointment of members.

(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.

(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.”

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) Historical resource and amenities powers and duties:

- (1) Provide recommendations related to public access to historical information, documents, records and pictures of the City of Redondo Beach;
- (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) Preservation program and ordinance duties:

- (1) Conduct public hearings, and make decisions regarding proposed designations and removal of designations of landmarks and historic districts;
- (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) Recommend appropriate system of markers for landmarks and historic districts;
- (4) Adopt prescriptive standards to be used by the Commission in reviewing Certificates of Appropriateness;
- (5) Review and render decisions regarding 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) 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;

(7) Recommend to the City Council a program of incentives for preservation of historic resources;

(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;

(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;

(10) Recommend consultants and studies, as the Commission deems desirable or necessary to conduct its role, and pending City Council approval to retain such consultants and studies, the Commission shall review the resulting work product;

(11) Cooperate with other local, County, State and Federal Government in the pursuit of the objectives of historic preservation;

(12) Provide written responses to requests from property owners seeking findings under the Preservation Ordinance related to 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 programs, including playgrounds and public recreation related entertainment;

(2) Review and provide recommendations to the City Council on the annual budget related to recreational programming across the City through the City Manager.

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

(d) Library duties:

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

(e) Any other duties or responsibilities as directed by City Council, 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 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. 3304-25 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