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Section 900. - CREATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

There is hereby created a Parks and Recreation Commission.

Sec. 901. - MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall be composed of seven (7) members who reside in the City of Long Beach. Each member shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. No member shall hold an elective office in the City of Long Beach, during their term on the Commission.

The term of each member shall be four (4) years. No person shall serve more than two (2) full terms. Serving any portion of an unexpired term shall not count as serving one (1) term.

Sec. 902. - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall have such exclusive authority over all leisure activities in public parks and recreational facilities, controlled or operated by the City, as may be prescribed by the City Council by ordinance; and with respect thereto shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a)
Recommend to City Manager and City Council the acquisition of land for public parks and public recreation, the dedication of public land for public parks, the removal of public land from dedication as park land, and the acquisition of buildings, waterways, or other facilities for public recreation.
- (b)
Recommend to the City Manager, City Council and Planning Commission the approval or rejection of plans for improvement of parkland for public recreation and for other purposes, including but not limited to buildings and other facilities, other than land and facilities within the tide and submerged lands granted to the City pursuant to Chapter 676, Statutes of 1911; Chapter 102, Statutes of 1925; Chapter 157, Statutes as of 1935; interpreted by Chapter 29, Statutes of 1958, First Extraordinary Session; Chapter 138, Statutes of 1964, First Extraordinary Session; and land and facilities situated in the local coastal zone in the City.
- (c)
Authorize the issuance of permits and agreements related to leisure activities in public parks and recreational facilities controlled or operated by the City.
- (d)
Establish fees for public recreational programs and use of public parks and recreation facilities.
- (e)
Perform such other duties as may be delegated by the City Council by ordinance.

Sec. 903. - (Deleted by Prop. G, 5-1-2007, eff. 5-22-2007)

Sec. 904. - APPEAL TO CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council shall by ordinance establish a procedure for appeal to the City Council of Commission actions relating to City sponsored programs, services and facilities. By two-thirds (2/3) vote, the City Council shall have the power on any such appeal to affirm, modify or overrule the decision of the Commission.

Sec. 905. - PARKS IN PERPETUITY.

The City Council shall by ordinance adopt zoning and other regulations for the proper use and protection of parks, plazas, beaches, golf courses, playgrounds, recreation facilities, and other recreation areas in the City.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Charter to the contrary, those areas that have been dedicated or designated as public park or recreation areas of the City shall not be sold or otherwise alienated unless first authorized or later ratified by an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting at an election for such purpose; except that the City Council may sell or alienate public parks or recreation areas, or any portions thereof, if, after a public hearing, and the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Council determines that said

park or recreation areas will be replaced by other dedicated or designated park or recreation areas on substantially an amenity for amenity basis, and at a ratio of at least two to one (2:1); and further that an approximately equal portion of the replacement land will be located in the park service area where the land was converted, and an approximately equal portion of the replacement land will be located in a park service area needing parkland as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

(Added by Prop. E, 5-1-2007, eff. 5-22-2007)
