

March 17, 2015

To: Mayor Bemrich and City Council

From: David Fierke, City Manager

**Subject: Change of By-Laws
Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission**



ACTION: For Vote: Monday, April 13, 2015

Brief History

The Commission was restructured in the 1980's by adding two (2) non-resident seats to the board. This action reflected the areas overseen by the department both within and outside the city limits thus having representation from county and city commissioners. By doing this the Commission was expanded to 9 members. This action reduces the number of commissioners from nine (9) to seven (7) to better conduct the month to month business as required.

Analysis of Issue

The current structure allows for two (2) members from the county and seven (7) members from the city. The proposed changes allows up to three (3) commissioners from the county and four (4) from the city. The commission appointments must also meet all gender equity requirements as stated by city and state law.

Strategic Plan Impact

Policy D.2.1

City boards and commissions should be roughly representative of the constituent voting population of the planning area.

Staff Conclusions / Recommendations

This action is supported by staff and the Commission.


Implementation and Accountability

Effective immediately upon council action. Since this action is primarily administrative, staff recommends the waiving of 2nd and 3rd readings of the ordinance.

Signed

Approved

Lori Branderhorst
Director of Parks and Recreation



David Fierke
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FORT DODGE MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTER 2.20 - PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Whereas the City Council, under the advisement of the Parks and Recreation Board find is desirable to reduce the number of members of the Parks and Recreation Board; and,

Whereas the makeup of the Board should be changed to include adequate representation of the City of Fort Dodge as well as Webster County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT DODGE, IOWA THAT:

1. Section 2.20.020 of the Fort Dodge Municipal Code be amended to read:

2.20.020 Appointment of members--Term.

The board shall consist of seven members, no less than four of whom shall be citizens of the city of Fort Dodge, no more than three of whom may be citizens of Webster County residing within Webster County, appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council for overlapping five-year terms. Members shall serve without compensation, but may receive their actual expenses. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

2. The bylaws of the Parks and Recreation Board are hereby amended to reflect the aforementioned membership changes.

REPEALER: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: If any section, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following passage, approval and publication as by law provided.

The above Ordinance passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa, this _____ day of _____, 2015.

First consideration _____ day of _____, 2015.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Other: _____

Second consideration _____ day of _____, 2015.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Other: _____

Third consideration _____ day of _____, 2015.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Other: _____

City of Fort Dodge, Iowa

Matt Bemrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Nemmers, City Clerk

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