

ORDINANCE NO. 14028

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 26, RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA PARKS AND OUTDOORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That the City of Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors Advisory Committee is hereby created pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 11-24-103(b)(1).

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the existing Greenways Advisory Board is hereby dissolved, with its functions being absorbed by the new Parks and Outdoors Advisory Committee.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Chapter 26, is hereby amended to rename Article V, Parks and Outdoors Advisory Committee.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Chapter 26, Section 150 shall be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-150. Definitions.**

For purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

**Administrator:** The Administrator of the Chattanooga Parks & Outdoors Department or his/her/their designee.

**Committee:** The City of Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors Advisory Committee.

**Council:** Chattanooga City Council.

**Department:** The Chattanooga Department of Parks & Outdoors.

**Park:** Any and all lands, buildings, facilities, reserves and open space, sports complexes, swimming pool grounds, golf courses, game fields, cemeteries, urban ecology preserves, playgrounds, skateboard parks, outdoor recreation facilities, gardens, trails and other general or special use outdoor places, including the Riverwalk and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Waterfront Parks System, that are owned, operated or maintained by the City of Chattanooga or specifically included in the inventory of park properties identified in the City's Inventory of Public Properties.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Part II, Chattanooga City Code, Chapter 26, Section 151, shall be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-151. Board Created; Members.**

- (a) There is hereby created a Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors Advisory Committee, composed of a maximum of fifteen (15) members. Members must be residents of the City of Chattanooga.
- (b) Six (6) members shall be appointed by the Mayor. Council shall confirm Committee members for the terms of office provided in this article. At least one (1) member shall be age twenty-one (21) years or younger at the time of appointment.
- (c) Nine (9) members shall be appointed by City Council consisting of one representative from each Council district. The member must reside in the district they represent. Each Council member shall recommend members from their respective districts for appointment and confirmation by the full Council for the terms of office provided in this article.
- (d) A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the Committee.
- (e) Meetings shall occur once a month, twelve (12) times per year, at a specified day, time, and location, and additional called meetings may be at the discretion of the Committee. The Committee reserves the ability to appoint working committees and ad-hoc teams comprised of members for specific tasks as needed.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Chapter 26, Section 152, shall be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-152. Term; Officers.**

- (a) All appointments and terms of office after the initial appointment of the Committee shall be for a term of three (3) years. Appointments to fill a vacancy, or to complete an unexpired term, shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term only. For the initial appointments, two of the Mayor-appointed members and the members representing Council Districts 1, 4, and 7 shall serve a one-year term; two of the

Mayor-appointed members and the members representing Council Districts 2, 5, and 8 shall serve a two-year term; and two of the Mayor-appointed members and the members representing Council Districts 3, 6, and 9 shall serve a three-year term

- (b) The officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chair and a Vice Chair to be selected by the Committee from among its members, to serve as such officers for one year; provided, that the Chair of the Committee shall be ineligible to succeed himself for consecutive terms of office. The Committee shall also designate a Secretary who need not be a member of the Committee. Legal counsel shall be provided by the City Attorney's Office representative.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Chapter 26,

Section 153, shall be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-153. Compensation.**

All members of the Committee and the officers thereof shall serve without salary or compensation, but their actual and necessary expenses shall be allowed by the City. The City shall provide the necessary and suitable equipment and supplies to enable the Committee to properly transact and attend to its business.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Chapter 26,

Section 154, shall be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-154. Powers and Duties.**

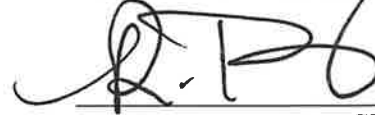
The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To propose plans, recommendations, and suggestions for the purpose of planning for future growth and development of parks, and whether to be purchased, leased, devised, or bequeathed to the City for park, connectivity, conservation, and recreation purposes;
- (b) To study the economic and physical conditions and issues in connection with the maintenance, operation, regulation, and use of parks, and to make recommendations regarding the same to Mayor and Council;
- (c) To propose rules and regulations to the Mayor and Council for the regulation and programming of parks and the maintenance and operation necessary or convenient for the proper orderly and efficient administration, operation, and superintendence of parks;
- (d) To promote public interest and recommend the development, use, and expansion of needed, and required parks; and

- (e) To recommend to the Mayor and Council rules and regulations for governing fees and charges for the use of parks including, but not limited to fees and charges for all recreational or other programs and team sports sponsored by the department or in which the department is the primary sponsoring entity.

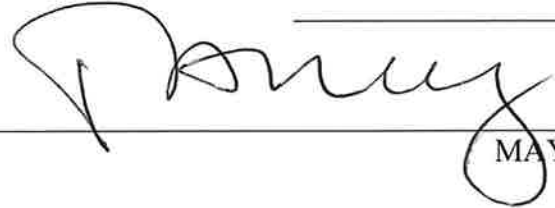
SECTION 9. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: October 3, 2023



CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED:  DISAPPROVED:



MAYOR

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