

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" BY CREATING ARTICLE V. DIVISION 12. ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD", by ADDING SECTIONS 2-610 THROUGH 2-613 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR ITS CREATION, COMPOSITION AND TERMS, MEETINGS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS the City Commission desires to ensure the viability and permanency of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee by moving it from establishment by resolution to inclusion in the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West owns and operates a number of public parks and recreational facilities, and jointly operates and/or maintains additional facilities and public spaces in cooperation with the Monroe County School District, and Monroe County; and

WHEREAS the City recognizes that the parks and recreation facilities of Key West provide important opportunities for citizens of all ages to enjoy nature, master athletic skills and improve their physical and mental health through exercise, competition, education and quiet enjoyment; and

WHEREAS members of the public can bring unique and vital insight into possibilities and practical use of all of Key West's open space and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS the City Commission desires to establish a parks and recreation advisory board that will make recommendations to the City Commission for ongoing improvements and to ensure the highest and best use of recreational facilities throughout the City of Key West; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the establishment of such a committee will serve to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Key West.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That section 2-610 is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances as follows:

Chapter 2 Administration

Article V. Committees, Boards and Commissions

Division 12. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Sec. 2-610. The Key West Parks and Recreation

Advisory Board.

There is hereby established in the Key West Code of Ordinances the Key West Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Section 2: That section 2-611 is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances as follows:

Sec. 2-611. Composition; term; compensation.

(a) There is hereby created a Key West Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, consisting of seven members. The mayor and each city commissioner shall appoint one member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, which appointment shall not be subject to approval by the city commission. The members shall have a business, employment or be involved in one or more sports or environmental organizations located in Key West and reside in the Lower Keys from Key West to Big Pine Key. There may also be non-voting ex-officio members of the Board appointed by the organized sports leagues in the City, the Monroe County School District and the United States Navy.

(b) The term of each Parks and Recreation Board member shall run parallel to that of the appointing city commission member. The Parks and Recreation Board member's term shall end at the conclusion of the city commission member's term; a reelected commission member may reappoint a Parks and Recreation Board member.

(c) The members of the Board shall serve without pay.

Section 3: That section 2-612 is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances as follows:

Sec. 2-612. Duties.

(a) The mission and duties of the Board are as follows:

The mission of the Board shall be to promote the rehabilitation, conservation, development and best use of parks and recreation land and facilities within the jurisdiction of the City of Key West.

(b) The Advisory Board shall:

(1) Advise the City Commission on projects and uses for the park facilities which are consistent with the land development regulations, and any applicable conveyance documents.

(2) Explore funding sources to offset any potential taxpayer burdens.

(3) Study the feasibility of proposed projects and the viability of future projects.

(4) Facilitate productive communication and elicit opinions from all interested individuals and entities.

(5) Ensure parks and recreational facilities are accessible and equitable by promoting communication and collaboration among all parties.

Section 4: That section 2-613 is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances as follows:

Sec. 2-613. Organization.

(a) The Board shall be subject to City Code of Ordinances Section 2 - "Uniform Procedures for Advisory Boards."

(b) At least once per quarter, the Board shall transmit recommendations to the city commission via a written report.

Section 5: If any section, provision, clause, phrase, or application of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall be construed as reasonable and necessary to achieve the lawful purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 6: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of said City in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7: This Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Read and passed on first reading at a regular meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Read and passed on final reading at a regular meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2022.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2022.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK