

## RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, REINSTATING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.45 of the Covington Municipal Code (“CMC”), Parks and Recreation Commission, was repealed at the July 28, 2020 city council regular meeting pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-2020; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue to have a Covington Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, at the City Council Summit on January 25, 2020, council agreed to no longer make any distinctions between commission members who live within the city or within three miles of its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.13.080 is silent on how the city council may appoint citizen commissions and the city council has determined that it is more efficient reestablish the parks and recreation commission and its governing rules by resolution; and

WHEREAS, with the concurrent adoption of Ordinance No. 11-2020, which repealed Chapter 2.45 CMC, Parks and Recreation Commission, all current members of the City of Covington Parks and Recreation Commission will retain their positions and will continue to serve until their terms expire;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Covington, King County, Washington, resolves as follows:

Section 1. Creation of Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission is hereby created as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section 2. Concurrent Adoption; Continuation; Effective Date. This resolution is being adopted concurrently with the passage of Ordinance No. 11-2020, which repealed Chapter 2.45 CMC. All current members of the Parks and Recreation Commission established under repealed Chapter 2.45 CMC, shall retain their positions and will continue to serve in their positions pursuant to the terms of this resolution. Furthermore, all previous policies and procedures, functions, and work of the Parks & Recreation Commission shall remain in place under the terms of this resolution. This resolution shall go into effect concurrently with the effective date of Ordinance No. 11-2020.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution, or its application to any person or situation, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution or its application to other persons or situation. The City Council of the

City of Covington hereby declares that it would have adopted this resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clauses, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Corrections. Upon the approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this resolution are authorized to make any necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

Section 5. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

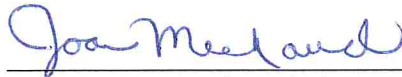
Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution is adopted concurrently with Ordinance No. 11-2020 and shall be effective upon the effective date of Ordinance No. 11-2020, August 5, 2020.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Covington this 28th day of July, 2020.

Signed in authentication of its passage this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
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Jeff Wagner, Mayor

AUTHENTICATED:



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Joan Michaud, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Mark Orthmann, as authorized by email on July 28, 2020  
Mark Orthmann, City Attorney

## EXHIBIT A

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

1. Created. The Parks and Recreation Commission (“Commission”) is hereby created and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.
2. Membership and Residence Requirements. The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the City Council. Members must live within the City limits or within a three-mile radius of the City limits.
3. Term of Office. Each position shall have a term of office for three years. Terms shall commence on February 1 and expire on January 31 of the respective years. If a member is not appointed for a new term on June 1, the incumbent member may continue to serve in that position until such later date when a member is appointed for a new term. When a vacancy occurs on the Commission, the replacement member shall be appointed only for the remainder of the unexpired term.
4. Removal. Commission members may be removed by the City Council at any time pursuant to the Covington City Council Policies and Procedures, as amended from time to time.
5. Organization and Meetings. The Commission shall adopt Policies and Procedures. The City Manager shall appoint staff to provide assistance to the commission as available and permitted by the budget. The commission shall meet one time per month and upon call of the chairperson, as necessary.
6. Responsibilities. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council. To that end, the commission shall study, investigate, counsel, and develop and/or update written plans for the provision of recreational programming and development of parks and other natural resources within the City, taking into consideration the requirements of all grant fund agencies as requested by the City Council and shall be responsible for the following:
  - 6.1 Preparing and/or reviewing the long-range park, recreation and open space plan for the City of Covington;
  - 6.2 Proposed land acquisitions, easements and leases;
  - 6.3 Specific park master plans and related public involvement;
  - 6.4 Partnership and intergovernmental agreements pertaining to park, recreation and natural resources;

6.5 Major policies related to the management and operation of the City's park and recreation system;

6.6 Major policies related to the provision of recreational programming including, but not limited to, athletics, aquatics, recreation and special events;

6.7 Long-term funding and financing to implement and manage the City's park, recreation and natural resource system;

6.8 Preparation of a capital investment plan that identifies funded priority projects;

6.9 Preparation of a public involvement program that solicits volunteer support and encourages public participation in the implementation and operation of Covington's park system;

6.10 Developing, implementing and reviewing a comprehensive community forestry program, including tree management and Arbor Day activities, and annual work plan;

6.11 Submitting periodic reports to the City Council setting forth its progress in completing its work program for the current fiscal year. The Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission or designee is encouraged to regularly present updates to the City Council at the first regular City Council meeting or study session after each Parks and Recreation Commission meeting;

6.12 Reviewing and updating the departmental six-year strategic plan, youth athletic handbook and recreation comprehensive plan;

6.13 Such other and further responsibilities as may be assigned to the Commission by the City Council, from time to time.