

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), BY ADDING CHAPTER 2.22 (OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD) TO CREATE THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD TO ASSIST IN THE PRESERVATION AND ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso ("City") finds that the creation of an Open Space Advisory Board will benefit the City in preserving and acquiring open space, which will benefit the residents of El Paso.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That Chapter 2.22 (Open Space Advisory Board) be created and added to the El Paso City Code along with the following sections.

2. That Section 2.22.010 (Membership – Appointment – Terms – Vacancies) be created and added to the El Paso City Code as follows:

2.22.010 Membership--Appointment--Terms--Vacancies.

A. The Open Space Advisory Board ("Board") shall be composed of nine members, all of whom shall be residents of the City and known to be interested in open space, trails and greenways. Each member of the Council shall nominate one member to the Board. The terms of office shall be staggered. The initial terms of the members nominated by the Mayor and the District Representatives from Districts 2, 3, 4 and 7 shall be four years. The initial terms of the members nominated by the District Representatives from Districts 1, 5, 6 and 8 shall be two years. Thereafter, all terms shall be for terms of four years and all terms shall expire in June. Appointments to vacancies that occur other than by expiration of a member's term of office shall be filled by appointment by the mayor and city council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

B. The Stormwater Engineer of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board shall serve as an ex-officio member without the right to vote and will not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum.

3. That Section 2.22.020 (Compensation) is created and added to the El Paso City Code as follows:

2.22.020 Compensation.

The members shall serve without pay.

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4. That Section 2.22.030 (Chair and vice-chair – Rules and regulations) is created and added to the El Paso City Code as follows:

2.22.030 Chair and vice-chair--Rules and regulations.

- A. The board shall annually select from among its appointed members a chair and a vice-chair. The board shall adopt such rules and regulations for the government of its proceedings as may be deemed proper, not inconsistent with the ordinances and the Charter of the City and the laws of the state.
- B. A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board shall be a majority of the total number of the board members who have been appointed by city council at the time of the board meeting; provided however that a quorum shall not be less than three. The chair shall have a vote in all matters. No final action shall be taken on any matter except pursuant to a simple majority vote of members present.

5. That Section 2.22.040 (Secretary -- Duties) is created and added to the El Paso City Code as follows:

2.22.040 Secretary--Duties.

The director of the department of parks and recreation shall designate a department of parks and recreation employee to serve as the recording secretary and shall provide administrative and technical staff support to the Open Space Advisory Board.

6. That Section 2.22.050 (Board Duties) is created and added to the El Paso City Code as follows.

2.22.050 Board Duties.

The Open Space Advisory Board shall act as an advisory board and provide recommendations to the mayor and city council in efforts to preserve and acquire open spaces. The Open Space Advisory Board shall provide recommendations on the implementation of "Towards a Bright Future: A Green Infrastructure Plan for El Paso, Texas," commonly referred to as the Open Space Master Plan. The Open Space Advisory Board shall review and provide input to the mayor and city council on legislative matters pertaining to open space submitted to the board by the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, the director of the Developmental Services Department, the Chief Executive Officer of the Public Service Board, the director of the Economic Development Department and the City Flood Plain Administrator or their designees.

7. Except as changed herein, Title 2 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

(signatures are on the following page)

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2009.

CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:



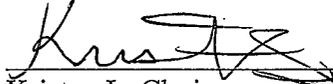
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