

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-82

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BASTROP CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), ARTICLE 1.10 (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES), SECTION 1.10.001 (PARKS BOARD), TO ADD TWO EX OFFICIO POSITIONS INCLUDING QUALIFICATION CRITERIA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop Parks Board advises the City Council on matters related to parks, recreation, open space, and community amenities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appoint a qualified member to Position No. 2 of the Parks Board; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds it beneficial to add two non-voting ex officio positions to provide technical expertise and intergovernmental coordination: one from the Texas Master Gardener community and one representing Bastrop County parks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish minimum qualification criteria for those ex officio positions to ensure appropriate subject-matter expertise and representation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

Section 1. Amendment to Section 1.10.001 (Parks Board)

Section 1.10.001 of the Bastrop Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows. Additions are shown as underlined and deletions as strikethrough, with non-substantive formatting adjusted by the codifier as needed.

A. Establishment; Purpose. The Parks Board is established to advise the City Council and City staff on the planning, development, use, maintenance, and programming of City parks, open space, trails, and recreational facilities. The Board may make recommendations on policies, capital improvements, partnerships, and programming consistent with City Council direction.

B. Composition; Voting Members; Ex Officio Members.

1. Voting Member

The Parks Board shall consist of seven (7) voting members appointed by the City Council for staggered terms as provided in this section and the City's general board provisions.

2. **Ex Officio Members (Non-Voting)**

In addition to the voting members, there shall be two (2) ex officio, non-voting positions:

Master Gardener Representative (Ex Officio). One ex officio seat reserved for a Master Gardener representative meeting the criteria set forth in subsection D.

County Parks Representative (Ex Officio). One ex officio seat reserved for a Bastrop County parks representative meeting the criteria set forth in subsection D.

Ex officio members may participate in discussions, provide expertise, and serve on subcommittees as assigned, but shall not count toward quorum and shall not vote.

C. Appointments; Terms; Vacancies.

1. Appointments. Voting members are appointed by the City Council in accordance with City procedures. Ex officio members are designated as provided in subsection D.
2. Terms. Voting members' terms shall be three (3) year terms, staggered as currently codified. Ex officio members shall three (3) year terms and at the pleasure of the City Council. Ex officio members may be replaced at any time by the designating entity or by City Council action if the eligibility criteria are no longer met.
3. Vacancies. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired term.

D. Qualification Criteria for Ex Officio Positions.

1. **Master Gardener Representative (Ex Officio)**

- a. Must be an active member in good standing of a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Master Gardener Association chapter serving Bastrop County at the time of designation and throughout service.
- b. Should have demonstrated experience in native plants, sustainable landscaping, horticulture education, or public garden stewardship.
- c. The representative shall be nominated by the local Master Gardener chapter leadership and confirmed by the City Secretary as to documentation of eligibility; designation is acknowledged by the City Council.

2. County Parks Representative (Ex Officio)

- a. Must be an employee, officer, or appointed representative designated by Bastrop County with responsibilities that include planning, development, maintenance, or programming of county parks, open space, or recreational facilities within or adjacent to the City of Bastrop.
- b. Should have knowledge of county park assets, planned improvements, and interlocal coordination.
- c. The representative shall be designated by Bastrop County and acknowledged by the City Council; the City Secretary shall verify documentation of eligibility.

Section 1. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of conflict only.

Section 2. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances are not affected.

Section 3. Codification

The City Council intends that this ordinance be codified in the Bastrop Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, Article 1.10, Section 1.10.001, and authorizes the City's codifier to make non-substantive formatting and numbering changes to implement this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption in accordance with the City Charter and applicable law.

DULY ORDAINED AND APPROVED by the Bastrop City Council on the first reading on this the 18th day of November, 2025.

DULY ORDAINED AND ADOPTED by the Bastrop City Council on the second reading on this the 9th day of December, 2025.

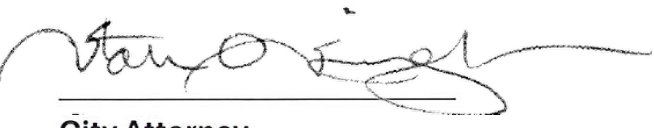
APPROVED:

by: 
Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michael Muscarello, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney
Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.



Sec. 1.10.001 Parks board.

(a) *Created; composition; compensation; appointment.*

- (1) There is hereby created a parks board of the city, which shall be referred to as the Parks and Recreation Board. Any references in the City Code to the Parks Board shall mean the Parks and Recreation Board. The rules for appointment of members, the number of members comprising the Board, the length of member terms, board residency requirements, and the rules for filling board vacancies are set forth in this chapter of the City Code, section 1.04.002. ~~In their discretion, the Parks Board may also identify and name one minor, who resides within the BISD jurisdiction, to serve on the Board as an ex officio, nonvoting youth member of the Board. The youth member shall be enrolled in grades 9-12 and serve a term in length identified by the Parks Board at the time of the youth member's selection.~~ The members shall be known to be interested in public parks and public recreation and the proper use of the leisure time of the people of the city.
- (2) ~~The Parks Board shall consist of seven (7) voting members and three (3) ex officio, non-voting members appointed by the City Council for staggered terms as provided in this section and in the City's general board provisions. One voting member position shall be held by the superintendent of the city's state park, or his/her designee, who may reside either within the city limits or in any other area within the BISD's jurisdiction. One ex officio position shall be designated for a Master Gardener representative, and one ex officio position shall be designated for a Bastrop County Parks representative. The Parks Board may also identify and name one minor, who resides within the BISD jurisdiction, to serve on the Board as an ex officio, nonvoting youth member of the Board. The youth member shall be enrolled in grades 9-12 and serve a term in length identified by the Parks Board at the time of the youth member's selection.~~

(b) *Attendance.* Attendance requirements for the board members are set forth in this code, section 1.02.002(b), et seq.

(Ord. No. 2012-13, pt. 4(L), 6-26-12; Ord. No. 2014-3, 4-8-14; Ord. No. 2016-06, pt. 1, 3-22-16; Ord. No. 2019-44, § 2(Exh. A), 11-26-19; Ord. No. 2024-07, § 2(Att. A), 3-12-24)