

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

09-005-0

AS AMENDED

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-44 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED, BY MODIFYING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Section 2-44 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-44. Composition; appointment; qualifications and terms of members generally; filling vacancies.

The parks and recreation commission shall consist of ~~15~~ 11 voting ~~and three nonvoting~~ members, who shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the approval of the council, and three nonvoting members, appointed as provided herein. The voting membership shall be comprised of one resident of each of the ~~ten planning~~ five council districts in the city, ~~one~~ two at large members, who shall not be residents of the same council district, one member with formal education in recreation who is employed in that field, one member who is a member of, or recommended by, the commission on disabilities, one member who works with recreation programs and facilities as a staff member in the community schools program and one member with formal education in land management who is employed in that field; ~~provided that those persons who are members of the commission on the effective date of this ordinance shall be allowed to complete their terms.~~ Each voting member shall be a resident of the city of Duluth, except that the recreation and land management professionals and the community schools representative may either be residents of the city or work in the city. All appointments of

voting members shall be for terms of three years, except such appointments as may be made for the remainder of expired terms or to provide for staggered terms. The nonvoting membership shall be comprised of one Duluth City Council member, one Duluth school board member and one St. Louis County commissioner. Such nonvoting members shall be recommended for appointment by their respective governmental bodies and shall serve for indefinite terms. Vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the mayor only for the unexpired terms, subject to approval of the city council, in the same manner as for initial appointments. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. The term of any member of the commission shall be deemed vacant upon failure to attend two consecutive meetings or three meetings in a year unless advance notice is given to the president of the commission and such nonattendance resulted from justifiable cause. The city shall provide one parks and recreation staff member and one public works staff member to assist the commission in carrying out its responsibilities.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its passage and publication.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance changes the criteria for appointment to the parks and recreation commission from residency in planning districts to residency in council districts. It decreases the total number from 15 to 11 members. It decreases district representatives from ten to five and increases at large representation from one to two.