

ORDINANCE NO. 5-7-2026-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL, INDIANA AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI AND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE II OF THE TOWN CODE OF BRISTOL REGARDING PARK MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol, Indiana (the "Town") is a duly formed municipal corporation within the State of Indiana governed by its duly elected Town Council (the "Council"); and

WHEREAS, the Council established the Bristol Department of Parks and Recreation (the "Department"), which is overseen by the park and recreation board (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to amend the Department's enabling ordinance to provide clarity on the duties and obligations of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Bristol, Indiana, meeting in regular session, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing Recitals are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 3, Section 2-293 of the Town Code of Bristol (the "Code") is hereby repealed and amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Sec. 2-293. – Powers and duties; limitations.

(a) The members of the park board shall be appointed by the town council.

(b) The park board shall:

(1) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the town council, which may include a proportional share of costs for the Town's maintenance personnel and equipment costs;

(2) Prepare and submit to the town council an annual capital expenditures plan to maintain and improve the Town's park properties;

(3) Prepare and recommend to the town council policies for rental rates and park property use;

(4) Establish rules governing the use of the park and recreation facilities by the public; and

(5) Make recommendations and an annual report to the town council concerning the operation of the park board and the status of park and recreation programs in the Town.

(c) The park board shall not do any of the following without first notifying the town council in writing and receiving the town council's approval:

(1) exercise the power of eminent domain;

(2) charge rates or fees not previously approved by the town council;

Section 3. Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 3 of the Code is hereby amended to include a new Section 2-294 read in its entirety as follows:

“Sec. 2-294. – Removal.

(a) A member of the park board may be removed only for cause, upon specific written charges filed against the member. The charges shall be filed with and heard by the town council, unless the town council is bringing the charges, in which case the town council shall appoint a hearing officer.

(b) The person to hear the charges shall fix a date for a public hearing and give public notice at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing. At the hearing the member is entitled to present evidence and argument and to be represented by counsel.”

Section 4. Chapter 20, Article II, Section 20-23 of the Code is hereby repealed and amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“Sec. 20-23. – Rental fees and cleaning deposits for pavilions and open shelters.

The town council shall by resolution set reasonable rates and fees for use of park pavilion and open shelters within the Town. Such rates and fees shall be effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until further action of the town council.”

Section 5. If any section, paragraph, or provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. To the extent this Ordinance conflicts with any prior ordinance, resolution, rule, or policy of the Town, this Ordinance shall supersede and control, and all such conflicting provisions are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

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ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF BRISTOL, INDIANA

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ATTEST:

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Cathy Antonelli, Clerk-Treasurer