

AN ORDINANCE

NO.

An Ordinance adopting amendments to Article II of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code pertaining to the Recreation Advisory Board; repealing Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code pertaining to the Columbus Aquatics Commission; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1.

Sections 4-29,4-30, and 4-32 of Article II of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code are hereby repealed and replaced with revised code sections which shall read as follows:

“Sec. 4-29. Operation generally.

The board shall consist of 7 members. Two members shall be appointed from Senate District -15 and two members shall be appointed from Senate District -29. These positions may be nominated by any Councilor. In addition, each of the two at-large councilors shall appoint one member to serve at large. Terms of office shall be four years. The seventh voting member shall be the Athletic Director of the Muscogee County School District serving in an ex-officio capacity.”

“Sec. 4-30. Board to serve in advisory capacity to director of parks and recreation.

The recreation advisory board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the director of the parks and recreation department for the consideration of policies of the department and make recommendations for its operation and the advancement of recreational programs and facilities throughout the community. The director of parks and recreation or his/her designee shall attend each meeting of the Board and provide such administrative support as the Board may request.”

“Sec. 4-32. Board duties.

- (a) The recreation advisory board shall perform duties including, but not limited to:
- (1) The board shall meet at least bimonthly (six times per year). Meetings shall be presided over by a chairperson or a co-chairperson each of whom shall be elected by the Board annually;
 - (2) The board shall prepare all required+ minutes of its meetings with assistance from parks and recreation personnel and shall transmit a copy of the same to the mayor, council, city manager and clerk of council;
 - (3) The board shall provide written recommendations to the mayor, council, city manager and clerk of council when deemed necessary by the board concerning the operations and programs of the city department of parks and recreation;
 - (4) The board shall review financial statements of the parks and recreation department with a representative from the finance department at least annually and in advance of the budget season for the next fiscal year;
 - (5) The board shall inspect and conduct site visits to selected facilities of the department of parks and recreation on a schedule proposed by the director of parks and recreation and approved by the Board at least once per year;

- (6) The board shall review the city department of parks and recreation policies and procedures at least once per year and make any recommendations for amendments as deemed necessary by the board;
 - (7) The board shall assist the crime prevention director and public safety agencies with coordination of programs directed at crime prevention and community education; and
 - (8) Perform any other activities or duties as requested by the Columbus Council.”
- (b) The seat of any member of the recreation advisory board shall be declared vacant if such member misses three consecutive meetings. Any board vacancy shall be filled as provided in section 4-29 of this Code.”

SECTION 2.

Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code is amended by striking Article IV pertaining to the Columbus Aquatics Commission in its entirety and designating that article as Reserved.

SECTION 3.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 11th day of March, 2025; and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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