

**ORDINANCE NO. 2135**  
**CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS,**  
**OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 571, being an Ordinance codifying and adopting a new Code of Ordinances for the City of Madison Heights by amending Chapter 19, Article III, Sections 19-28 through 19-32 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Madison Heights, Michigan, to establish a city parks and recreation advisory board in the City to study and recommend short and long-term improvements to the city's parks and recreation system.

**THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. Amendment.**

That Chapter 19, Article III, Sections 19-28 through 19-32 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Madison Heights, Michigan, are hereby amended in their entirety to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III. – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Sec. 19-28. Commission established, purpose, scope.

- (a) There is hereby created the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- (b) Scope.
  - (1) The board is a non-administrative board serving solely in an advisory capacity. In that capacity, the board may recommend action to the council, but may not assume any legislative or administrative authority in the operation of the parks and recreation divisions. No action of the board can relieve the supervisors of parks and recreation of their responsibility for the administration of the division nor limit their authority. The purpose of the board is to help by serving as an advisory group.
  - (2) The board exists to promote an outstanding recreational and parks programming for the citizens of the city. In pursuit of this objective it shall serve as:
    - (A) A forum for the careful consideration of policy matters related to the operation of the recreation and parks programs including maintenance and development of the parks system;
    - (B) An advisory to the supervisors when requested;

- (C) A recommending body to the city council on general policy;
- (D) A recommending body to the city council on long-term recreational and park planning and policy.

Sec. 19-29. Membership.

- (a) The board shall be composed of thirteen (13) members, seven (7) to be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council, two (2) school board representatives, three (3) student representatives, four (4) ex officio members, and three (3) alternates as follows:
  - (1) One member from among the members of the city council, one member from the Madison School District and one member from the Lamphere School District and seven members from the residents of the city-at-large; each shall have one vote.
  - (2) Three students to be appointed by the board staff liaison. The student representatives shall be nonvoting and shall serve as long as they are willing and a student in a school located in Madison Heights.
  - (3) The Department of Public Services Director, or their designee, a Department of Public Services Supervisor, the Recreation Coordinator and one Oakland County Parks and Recreation staff member shall be ex officio members without a vote. In the case of the delegate from either the Lamphere School District Board or the Madison School Board or both, the said school boards may designate an alternate school district delegate who shall sit only in the absence of the regularly appointed school district delegate and who shall have the same authority and powers as such regularly appointed school district delegate. In the case of the delegate from the city council, the city council may designate an alternate city council delegate who shall sit only in the absence of the regularly appointed city council delegate and who shall have the same authority and powers as such regularly appointed city council delegate. In the case of the resident at-large delegates, the mayor with the approval of the city council, may designate two (2) alternate delegates who shall sit only in the absence of a regularly appointed resident at-large delegate and who shall have the same authority and powers as such appointed resident at-large delegate.
  - (4) Appointees should have a keen interest and personal knowledge of recreational programs for children and adults; and, in park programs for individuals and families.

- (5) Terms of the citizen members are two (2) years and are staggered. Councilmember appointments are two (2) year terms until the next Regular City Council election.
- (6) Members of the parks and recreation advisory board shall serve without pay.
- (7) If an at-large board member is elected to school board office, they are able to complete their current term as an at-large member.
- (8) The board shall elect a chairperson from its membership annually.

Sec. 19-30. Conduct of Meetings.

- (a) Regular meetings of the board shall be held as needed.
- (b) With the approval of the city council, the board may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the transaction of its business.
- (c) The Commission shall follow Robert's Rules of Order and keep a record of its proceedings. All Meetings shall be noticed and conducted in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 through 15.275, as amended).
- (d) Attendance by 50% or more of the current membership of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action of the commission shall require a concurrence of the majority of quorum present at the meeting.

Secs. 19-31 – 19-43. Reserved.

**SECTION 2. Repealer.**

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 3. Severability.**

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

**SECTION 4. Savings.**

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.**

This ordinance as ordered shall take effect Ten (10) days after its adoption and upon publication.

**SECTION 6. Inspection.**

A copy of this ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the City Clerk's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days.

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Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor

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Cheryl E. Rottmann, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Cheryl E. Printz, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Madison Heights, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Madison Heights City Council at their Regular Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Cheryl E. Rottmann, City Clerk

Adopted:  
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