

Chapter 2.22

MASTER PROVISIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS*

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* Prior ordinance history: Ords. 811 N.S., 890 N.S., 891 N.S., 1607 N.S. and 1719 N.S.

2.22.010 Establishment of boards and commissions.

A. There are established within the city the following boards and commissions:

1. Planning commission;
2. Parks and recreation commission;
3. Library, culture and arts commission; and
4. Disaster council.

B. Unless otherwise set forth, all members of boards, commissions and committees shall be residents of the city and shall continue to be residents of the city during their terms of office. Notwithstanding the foregoing, individuals who reside within the Morgan Hill Unified School District boundary and who do not otherwise reside in any city other than Morgan Hill may be appointed to boards, commissions and committees provided that no more than thirty percent of the members of any board, commission or committee shall be non-Morgan Hill residents.

C. Members shall be appointed by the mayor subject to approval of a majority vote of the city council and may be removed without cause by vote of any three members of the city council.

D. The appointment terms of members may be extended, at the discretion of the city council, until such time as a successor member may be appointed and take office.

E. Vacancies in the commission occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.

F. The members of the commission shall organize the commission and shall elect from its members a chair and vice-chair and such other officers as may be necessary in accordance with adopted city council policy. (Ord. 1778 N.S. § 2 (part), 2006)
(Ord. No 1930 N.S., § 2, 4-22-2009; Ord. No. 1935 N.S., § 1, 6-3-2009)

2.22.030 Clerk and secretary.

The city clerk or designate shall also act as clerk for each of the boards and commissions and shall have authority to sign any official notices and also to certify any resolution of the commissions or boards. The city council may appoint a person not a member of the commission or board to act as secretary of the commission or board. The secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of said board or commission, its resolutions, its findings and actions, which records shall be a public record and kept with the city clerk in the City Hall building. (Ord. 1778 N.S. § 2 (part), 2006)

2.22.040 Rules of procedure.

A. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the board or commission. The vice chair shall assume the duties of the chair in the absence of or in case of inability of the chair.

B. A majority of the members of the commission or board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

C. Unless otherwise specified herein, each board or commission may adopt its own rules and regulations for the transaction of its business. Such rules shall be subject to approval of the city council before becoming effective. (Ord. 1778 N.S. § 2 (part), 2006)

2.22.050 Rules of attendance.

If any member is absent from three of any six consecutive regular board or commission meet-

ings, unless such absence is with the permission of the chair, or vice chair in absence of the chair, expressed in the official minutes, the member's seat shall be deemed vacated. The city manager shall so notify the city council and the council shall take action to fill the seat within a reasonable period of time. (Ord. 1778 N.S. § 2 (part), 2006)

2.22.060 Meetings.

Unless otherwise specified, the commission shall hold regular meetings once every two months at a designated time and place which shall be fixed and determined by the commission and entered upon in its minutes. Special meetings of the commission may be called at any time by the chair or by a majority of the members of the board upon notice being given to all members of the board and to all news media at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meetings, as required by the laws of the state of California. (Ord. 1778 N.S. § 2 (part), 2006)

(Ord. No. 1930 N.S., § 3, 4-22-2009)

2.22.070 Compensation.

Members of the boards and commissions shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenditures made or incurred in the performance of their prescribed duties in accordance with state law and the Municipal Code and policies of the city of Morgan Hill. (Ord. 1778 N.S. § 2 (part), 2006)

2.22.080 Effect.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as restricting or curtailing any of the powers of the city council or city officers as defined by the laws of the state of California or by this Municipal Code. Except as otherwise set forth in Chapter 2.36, the city council declares that the public interest and convenience require the appointment of the boards and commissions established pursuant to Section 2.22.010 to act purely in an advisory capacity to the city council. (Ord. 1778 N.S. § 2 (part), 2006)