

2. Adopt Rules and Regulations. The Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations governing its organization and procedure as it may deem necessary.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)*

3. Zoning. The Commission shall have and exercise all the powers and duties and privileges in establishing the City zoning regulations and other related matters and may from time to time recommend to the Council amendments, supplements, changes or modifications, all as provided by Chapter 414 of the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.6)*

4. Review and Comment on Plats. All plans, plats, or re-plats of subdivision or re-subdivisions of land embraced in the City or adjacent thereto, laid out in lots or plats with the streets, alleys, or other portions of the same intended to be dedicated to the public in the City, shall first be submitted to the Commission and its recommendations obtained before approval by the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)*

5. Fiscal Responsibilities. The Commission shall have full, complete and exclusive authority to expend for and on behalf of the City all sums of money appropriated to it, and to use and expend all gifts, donations or payments whatsoever which are received by the City for City planning and zoning purposes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)*

6. Limitation on Entering Contracts. The Commission shall have no power to contract debts beyond the amount of its original or amended appropriation as approved by the Council for the present year.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)*

7. Annual Report. The Commission shall each year make a report to the Mayor and Council of its proceedings, with a full statement of its receipts, disbursements and the progress of its work during the preceding fiscal year.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)*

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## CHAPTER 24

### PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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**24.01 PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE CREATED.** A Park and Recreation Committee is hereby created to advise the Council on the needed facilities to provide open space such as parks, playgrounds and community facilities for other forms of recreation. It shall also plan and oversee City parks and recreation programs, including the City's tree planting program, and encourage other programs for the leisure time of all City residents.  
*(Ord. 11-10 – Apr. 16 Supp.)*

**24.02 COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION.** The Committee shall consist of five (5) members, all residents of the City, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council, for overlapping terms of two (2) years each; provided, however, such members shall be appointed in such a manner as to provide for staggered terms so that the terms of not more than three (3) members expire in any one year. The Committee shall choose annually at its first regular meeting one of its members to act as Chairperson, another as Vice Chairperson and another as Secretary for the Committee. Members shall serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor with Council approval to fill the unexpired term.

**24.03 DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.** In addition to its duty to make a plan for recreation and for the facilities for recreation and to update and revise these plans as required, the Committee shall perform the following:

1. Advise the Council on matters relating to the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the parks, playgrounds and community facilities for other forms of recreation.
2. Study, investigate, and develop and/or update annually, and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. The Committee shall establish and maintain a list of approved tree species as required in Section 151.02.

*(Ord. 11-10 – Apr. 16 Supp.)*

**24.04 REPORTS.** The Committee shall make written reports to the Council of its activities from time to time as it deems advisable, or upon Council request.

**24.05 COMMITTEE RULES; AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE.** The Committee has the power to make rules and regulations for the use of park or other recreational facilities or for the conduct of recreation programs, subject to the approval of the rules by the Council. Such rules shall be either posted on the facility or otherwise publicized in a manner to provide adequate notice to the using public.

**24.06 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; APPEAL.** Violation of a Committee rule which has been approved by the Council or adopted by ordinance may be cause for denial of use of a facility or participation in a program, but such denial which extends more than one day may be appealed to the Council for hearing. The violation may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor or municipal infraction.

**24.07 ABSENCE OF MEMBER.** Should any Committee member be absent for two (2) consecutive meetings, without prior excuse from the Chairperson of the Committee, that position may be declared vacant by the Council.

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