

**TITLE 2
COMMISSIONS**

CHAPTER 201

ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

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201.01: ESTABLISHMENT:

- A. All permanent standing advisory commissions to the City shall be established by adoption of an ordinance under this Title, and shall be governed by the provisions of this Chapter.
- B. From time to time, the City Council may elect to establish other advisory groups by adoption of a resolution establishing, among other things, the purpose, membership, organization, duties and term of service for such advisory groups.

201.02: PURPOSE:

Advisory Commissions are established to provide a method for citizen input and are advisory to the City Council. No advisory commission shall have decision-making authority for the City, except as expressly established by this Code or State Statutes.

201.03: MEMBERSHIP:

- A. All members of advisory commissions shall be residents of the City, and shall be appointed by majority vote of the City Council.
- B. In addition to the regular commission members, the City Council may appoint up to two additional residents of the city who are the age of 18 or under and enrolled in high school to serve one-year terms on a commission as ex-officio youth commissioners.

201.04: TERMS:

- A. Term Length: Members shall serve terms of three years, except for youth members and the first members appointed following the creation of the commission. First members shall be appointed as follows: At least one third of members shall be appointed for three-year terms, up to one third of the members shall be appointed for two-year terms, and the balance of the members shall serve a one-year term. Term length for any member will be established by the Council at the time of the appointment.
- B. Oath of Office: Every appointed member, before beginning his or her duties shall take an oath stating that he or she will faithfully discharge of the duties of the commission to which he or she was appointed. Individual commissioners are expected to understand and adhere to the Roseville Ethics Code and attend the annual ethics training.
- C. Expiration of Terms: A member's term shall expire on March 31 of the year of the expiration

of the term, or at such time as a successor is appointed. Youth commissioner terms expire on July 31 of each year.

D. Term Limits:

1. Members are eligible to serve two consecutive full terms on a commission in addition to any partial term served to complete an unexpired term resulting from a vacancy or an initial term upon creation of a commission.
2. When members of an existing commission are transferred by the City Council to a new commission, term limits apply to the combined time on both commissions.
3. Youth commissioners may serve up to three consecutive terms. Youth commissioners may not be appointed or re-appointed to a term during which they will turn 19 years of age.
4. Upon completion of service on one commission, residents can be eligible for appointment to another commission, or after a period of at least one year, for appointment to the same commission on which they have previously served.
5. The Council may reappoint a person for a period not exceeding one additional year if the Council, by four-fifths vote, determines that reappointment is in the best interest of such Commission and the City. (Ord. 1580, 2-10-2020)

E. Vacancies: Vacancies during a term shall be filled by the City Council for the unexpired portion of a term per the city's appointment policy. A vacancy occurs in any of the following circumstances: resignation, residence outside the city, removal or death. The City Council reserves the right to defer filling commission vacancies for any length of time deemed necessary. (Ord. 1580, 2-10-2020)

F. Attendance: It is the expectation that Commissioners attend all meetings of the commission. An absence is considered the same whether it is excused or unexcused. If a commissioner is absent three consecutive meetings and/or misses a total of 30% or more of commission meetings in a rolling 12 month period, the staff liaison or commission chair will forward the information to the City Council.

G. Removal: Members may be removed by the City Council without cause. A member's removal shall be by majority vote of the City Council. In addition:

1. If a member fails to comply with the Roseville Ethics Code, the member may be removed by the City Council.
2. If a member has absences from more than three consecutive commission meetings, or is absent from more than 30% of the meetings in any rolling 12 month period, the member may be removed by the City Council.

201.05: COMPENSATION:

Members of all advisory commissions shall serve without compensation.

201.06: ORGANIZATION:

A. Election of Officers: At the last meeting preceding the end of regular terms of appointment, or at such other time as required by State Statutes, each advisory commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among its appointed members for a term of one-year and appoint a member to serve on the Ethics Commission as described in Chapter 207 of this code.

B. Governing Documents: City Code and State Statutes will govern commission activities. A commission shall not adopt separate by-laws or rules to govern commission duties or activities.

C. Committees, Subcommittees and Task Forces: Commissions may by majority vote appoint committees or subcommittees of their own members from time to time as required for the conduct of their business. The formation of any other committees, task forces and/or alternate workgroups would be subject to the provisions of this Chapter and shall be created only after approval of the City Council. Subcommittees shall report on work underway and completed on a regular basis to the full commission.

D. Logo and Materials: To reflect the official nature of the commission and to preserve consistency of the City's brand, only the official city logo or a Council-approved derivative of the logo, that contains the words "City of Roseville," shall be used on commission materials.

E. Accessibility: Commission members will be available to residents of the city by providing a preferred phone number or email address that can be used on the city website and/or on print materials.

F. Staff Liaison: Each commission will be served by a staff liaison to assist in meeting planning and commission processes and serve as a conduit to city staff and the City Council.

G. New Commissioner Training: New commission members will receive both general and commission-specific training from the staff liaison and commission chair before beginning their term. (Ord. 1498, 4/11/2016) (Ord. 1528, 6/5/2017)

201.07: MEETINGS AND REPORTS:

A. Meeting Schedule: Prior to the start of each calendar year, each commission shall adopt a regular meeting schedule for the coming year. Commissions may amend their regular meeting schedule, cancel meetings, or call special meetings as needed by majority vote at a regular commission meeting. Commissions shall meet at least quarterly, except as otherwise required by this Code or State Statutes. A special meeting of a commission may be called by the commission chair and/or the City Manager between regular meetings after consultation and approval of both parties.

B. Joint Meeting with City Council: At least once a year, each commission shall meet with the City Council to report on the previous year's work and to discuss work plans and pending issues for the upcoming year. Commissions may request additional joint meetings with the City Council whenever necessary to share information or seek guidance. A staff liaison is assigned to assist each commission and will work with the City Manager to schedule any joint meetings.

C. Open Meeting Law and Data Practices: All meetings of a quorum of a commission need to be properly noticed and shall be subject to the requirements of State Statutes section 13D, as applicable. Individual commissioners are expected to understand and adhere to applicable state laws and statutes. When a vacancy exists on a commission, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the commission's non-vacant seats.

D. Rules of Order: All commissions shall be subject to the same Rules of Order as are adopted annually by the City Council.

E. Meetings: Commission meetings shall be held in a public place and the time, date, and location of the meeting shall be publicly noticed. Commission must allow time for public comment on each agenda item and at a Public Comment portion of the agenda at the beginning of each meeting. All meetings shall be televised and recorded for future reference. External site tours by a Commission shall be exempt from being televised, but such tours shall be publicly noticed as all other

Commission meetings.

F. Minutes and Reports: Commissions are required to keep a record of its meetings and actions available through the City, as well as other recommendations, reports, studies and other documents created or performed by or for a commission. Minutes of the meeting shall be detailed in the same way as the City Council minutes are written.

(Ord. 1481, 07-20-2015) (Ord. 1498, 4/11/2016)

CHAPTER 202 PLANNING COMMISSION

SECTION:

- 202.01: Establishment and Membership
- 202.02: Meetings and Reports
- 202.03: Preparation of Comprehensive Plan
- 202.04: Procedure for Adoption of City Comprehensive Plan
- 202.05: Adoption of City Comprehensive Plan by City Council
- 202.06: Means of Executing Plan
- 202.07: Zoning Code and City Comprehensive Plan

202.01: ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP:

A City Planning Commission for the City is hereby established, which shall be subject to Chapter 201 of the City Code. The Planning Commission shall be the City planning agency and shall have the powers and duties given such agencies generally by Minnesota Statutes, sections 462.351 through 462.364, as amended, and as conferred upon it by this Chapter. (Ord. 194, 4-19-1955; 1995 Code)

The Planning Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the City Council.

202.02: MEETINGS AND REPORTS:

The Commission shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. It shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, and findings, which shall be a public record. (Ord. 194, 4-19-1955; 1995 Code)

202.03: PREPARATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

It shall be the function and duty of the Planning Commission to prepare and recommend a Comprehensive City Plan for the development of the City, including proposed public buildings, street arrangements, public utility services, parks, playgrounds and other similar developments, the use of property, the density of population and other matters relating to the development of the City. Such Plan may be prepared in sections, each of which shall relate to a major subject of the plan, as outlined in the Commission's program of work. (Ord. 194, 4-19-1955; 1995 Code)

202.04 PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION OF CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The Planning Commission may, at any time, recommend to the City Council, the adoption of the City Comprehensive Plan, any section of it or any substantial amendment thereof. Before making such recommendation to the City Council, the Planning Commission shall hold at least one public hearing, as provided for in Chapter 108 of this Code. The recommendation by the Planning Commission to the City Council shall be by a resolution of the Commission, approved by the affirmative votes of not less than 5/7^{ths} of its total membership. The Commission may from time to time recommend minor amendments to the City Comprehensive Plan or any section thereof without the public hearing mentioned herein providing that a majority of its members are of the opinion that such hearing is not necessary or in the public interest. (Ord.

1175A, 11-25-1996)

If an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map is requested by a property owner, the applicant shall hold an open house meeting with residents and property owners in the vicinity of the affected property prior to submitting an application for the amendment.

Requirements for such an open house are as follows:

- A. Purpose: To provide a convenient forum for engaging community members in the development process, to describe the proposal in detail, and to answer questions and solicit feedback.
- B. Timing: The open house shall be held not more than 30 days prior to the submission of an application for Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment approval and shall be held on a weekday evening beginning between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and ending by 10:00 p.m.
- C. Location: The open house shall be held at a location in or near the neighborhood affected by the proposed amendment, and (in the case of a site near Roseville's boundaries) preferably in Roseville. In the event that such a meeting space is not available the applicant shall arrange for the meeting to be held at the City Hall Campus.
- D. Invitations: The applicant shall prepare a printed invitation identifying the date, time, place, and purpose of the open house and shall mail the invitation to the recipients in a list prepared and provided in electronic format by Community Development Department staff. The recipients will include property owners within 500 feet of the project property, members of the Planning Commission and City Council, and other community members that have registered to receive the invitations.
- E. Summary: A written summary of the open house shall be submitted as a necessary component of an application for Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment approval. (Ord. 1362, 3-24-2008)

202.05: ADOPTION OF CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CITY COUNCIL:

Upon receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission for the establishment or amendment of a plan, the City Council shall follow procedure as set forth in Chapter 108 of this Code. The City Council may adopt such plan or amendments by a majority vote of its members or by a larger majority if required by statute. (Ord. 1175A, 11-25-1996)

202.06: MEANS OF EXECUTING PLAN:

Upon the adoption of the City Plan or any section thereof, it shall be the duty of the Planning Commission to recommend to the City Council reasonable and practicable means for putting into effect such Plan or section thereof in order that the same will serve as a pattern and guide for the orderly physical development of the City. Such means shall consist of a zoning plan, the control of subdivision plats, a plan for future street locations, etc. (Ord. 194, 4-19-1955)

202.07: ZONING CODE AND CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The Planning Commission may, upon its own motion or upon instruction by the City Council, prepare revisions to the Zoning Code and/or Plan for the City. Before recommending such Code and/or Plan to the City Council, the Planning Commission shall hold at least one public hearing as provided for in Chapter 108 of this Code. The same procedure shall apply for the preparation of any overall street plan or acquisition of lands for public purposes. (Ord. 1175A, 11-25-1996) (Ord. 1481, 07-20-2015)

CHAPTER 203

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

SECTION:

- 203.01: Establishment
- 203.02: Statute Adopted

203.01: ESTABLISHMENT:

There is established a Police Civil Service Commission, the duties of which shall be those provided in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 419, and which shall be subject to Chapter 201 of the City Code. (Ord 221, 10-22-56)

203.02: STATUTE ADOPTED:

The City accepts and adopts all of the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 419. (Ord. 221, 10-22-56) (Ord. 1481, 07-20-2015)

CHAPTER 204

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SECTION:

- 204.01: Establishment and Membership
- 204.02: Scope, Duties and Functions

204.01: ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP:

There is established a parks and recreation commission of the city, which shall consist of nine members appointed by the City Council and which shall be subject to Chapter 201 of the City Code. (Ord. 1253, 6-26-2001)

204.02: SCOPE, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS:

The duties and functions of the commission shall be as follows:

- A. Serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, City Manager and Director of Parks and Recreation on parks and recreation matters.
- B. Maintain an interest in and an understanding of the functions and operations of the parks and recreation department.
- C. Maintain an interest in and an understanding of the city school system and promote the greatest possible utilization of school and municipal recreation programs.
- D. Endeavor to secure a full and complete understanding of the city's needs and desires for parks and recreational facilities and be sensitive to the acceptance within the community of the current program.
- E. Convey to the City Council their understanding of the community's sentiment regarding recreation and parks and to submit recommendations to the City Council on parks and recreation programs and policy.
- F. Review conditions and adequacy of city park property.
- G. Provide hearings to groups or individuals, upon request, regarding parks and recreation matters.
- H. Keep informed and consider all financial aspects pertaining to parks and recreation.
- I. Consider proper names for city park property.
- J. Propose regulations for control of city park property to the City Council.
- K. Advise and assist architectural engineers on preparation of specific plans prior to the presentation to the City Council for formal approval.
- L. Represent the city at community functions where appropriate and approved by the City Council.
- M. Represent the city at meetings with other community, county or state boards of similar nature where appropriate and approved by the City Council.

- N. Perform other duties and functions or conduct studies and investigations as specifically

directed or delegated by the City Council. (Ord. 1038, 6-27-1988)

- O. Shall act in all matters relating to the Urban Forest Management Ordinance contained in Chapter 706 of this code, and shall act as the Tree Board as set forth in section 706.03 of this code. (Ord. 1481, 07-20-2015)

CHAPTER 205

HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUSION AND ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION

SECTION:

205.01: Establishment and Membership

205.02: Purpose, Objectives, Duties and Function

205.01: ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP:

There is established a Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement commission of the City, which shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the City Council and which shall be subject to Chapter 201 of the City Code.

The City of Roseville believes decision-making in a representative democracy best reflects the views of the people when the most people are engaged in that civic decision-making. The City recognizes the need to adapt to an always changing community and being proactive to examine and improve the city's engagement and outreach practices with its residents, as well as the opportunities for residents to engage with the work of the City. In addition, the people of Roseville aspire to be welcoming, inclusive and respectful. The City believes that achievement of that aspiration requires the creation and fostering of positive connections between people in the community and monitoring of issues and concerns that may be counter to achievement of that aspiration.

205.02: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, DUTIES AND FUNCTION:

The purpose of the commission is to encourage full participation in the affairs of the City and advise the City Council on programs and efforts which could improve civic engagement and human rights. The commission will advise the City Council regarding the effective and meaningful involvement of Roseville residents in their local government. Additionally the commission may propose programs, events and projects to increase understanding, engagement and inclusion with the work of the City. The commission shall maintain a balance of work to include ongoing evaluation, recommendations & engagement in support of the commission's purpose. Any engagement would also have a balance between programs and events and evaluation projects.

In fulfillment of its purpose, the commission's objectives, duties and functions shall be to:

- A. **Evaluate** – The commission shall review and evaluate on an ongoing basis the City's outreach efforts, policies, activities and engagement opportunities to ensure the best and the most equitable practices are being used to engage residents and business with the work of the City.
 1. Review policies and actions taken by the City that may be inhibiting full inclusion for those of diverse or underrepresented backgrounds.
 2. Understand the demographics of the community.

3. Review opportunities to collaborate with other city commissions, neighborhood, community, educational, business and social services groups and organizations, identifying ways to encourage mutual understanding among citizens and bring the community together.

4. Have an awareness of human rights related matters in the community and assist the city council in identifying opportunities to address those matters.

B. Advise – The commission shall advise the city council on strategies to improve outreach and communication and increase engagement, equity and inclusiveness in the City’s efforts to foster a sense of community with residents and businesses.

1. Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council with respect to human rights related matters and providing for equitable opportunity through the City’s policies and actions

2. Review and recommend ways to improve the City’s interactions with residents, businesses, and community and neighborhood organizations through:

- a. Communication efforts to facilitate effective two-way communication whenever possible

- b. Public participation processes, to identify under-represented groups, to remove any barriers, and to engage and promote increased participation, including with the community’s various visioning efforts.

- c. Recommend strategies for actively promoting and encouraging effective and meaningful volunteerism and service with the City including task forces, commissions and other participatory civic activities.

3. Serve as subject matter experts with regard to community engagement in local government. Explore and recommend to the city council innovative ideas, including the latest trends, technologies, tools and methods.

C. Engage – The commission may engage residents and businesses through city council approved programs, events and projects that support the commission’s purpose. Such city-council-approved efforts may be developed or supported by the commission through:

1. Education programs and community dialogues that will assist in creating equitable opportunity and eliminating discrimination and inequalities.

2. Events or projects that promote connections in the community.

3. Events or programs that engage residents and businesses with their city government, facilitating community feedback whenever possible.

D. Perform other duties and functions as directed by the City Council.

Section 2

Title 2, Chapter 209 (Community Engagement Commission) is repealed.

Section 3

Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

CHAPTER 206
PUBLIC WORKS, ENVIRONMENT, AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SECTION:

206.01: Establishment and Membership

206.02: Scope, Duties and Functions

206.01: ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP:

There is established a public works, environment, and transportation commission of the city which shall consist of seven members appointed by the City Council and which shall be subject to Chapter 201 of the City Code. (Ord. 1260, 4-15-2002) (Ord. 1313, 12-6-2004)

206.02: SCOPE, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS:

The duties and functions of the commission shall be as follows:

- A. Serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, City Manager and Director of Public Works on public works, environmental, and transportation matters. (Ord. 1313, 12-6-2004)
- B. Maintain an interest in and an understanding of the functions and operations of the Public Works Department.
- C. Maintain an interest in and an understanding of federal, state, county, regional and other public works, environmental, and transportation services that impact City services. (Ord. 1313, 12-6-2004)
- D. Perform other duties and functions or conduct studies and investigations as specifically directed or delegated by the city. (Ord. 1260, 4-15-2002) (Ord. 1481, 07-20-2015)

CHAPTER 207

ETHICS COMMISSION

SECTION:

207.01: Establishment and Membership

207.02: Scope, Duties and Functions

207.01: ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP:

There is established an ethics commission of the City which shall consist of one member from each City Advisory commission and which shall be subject to Chapter 201 of the City Code. (Ord. 1498, 4/11/2016)

The ethics commission shall hold an annual meeting and otherwise meet on an as-needed basis or when an ethics complaint is filed.

207.02: SCOPE, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS:

The duties and functions of the Commission shall be as follows:

- A. Serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters involving any ethics code adopted by the City Council.
- B. Administer any ethics code adopted by the City Council.
- C. Perform other duties and functions or conduct studies as specifically directed or delegated by the City Council. (Ord. 1338, 6-12-2006) (Ord. 1481, 07-20-2015)

CHAPTER 208

FINANCE COMMISSION

SECTION:

208.01: Establishment and Membership

208.02: Scope, Duties and Functions

208.01: ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP:

There is established a Finance Commission of the City which shall consist of seven members appointed by the City Council and which shall be subject to Chapter 201 of the City Code. A minimum of three members shall have financial management experience or training.

208.02: SCOPE, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS:

The City Council has created the Finance Commission to serve in an advisory capacity regarding the City's financial matters to make recommendations that will provide clarity, transparency and accessibility of financial information, to review policies and offer strategies for improved budgeting and funding for present-day operations and future needs, and to review the city's financial affairs.

The duties and functions of the Commission may include:

- A. Advise on short and long-term financial policy matters, including but not limited to cash reserve funds, budgets, financing, and capital replacement policies.
- B. Review and recommend funding strategies for the Capital Improvement Plan.
- C. Recommend budget goals, including but not limited to local tax rate and tax levy targets, management of enterprise funds, and spending levels,
- D. Review and recommend standardized budget and financial reporting methods and tools to make financial communications and budget information more transparent, comprehensible, and accessible to the public.
- E. Review and recommend the annual timeline and process for creating City budgets.
- F. Review the annual financial information, the annual audit report and management letter.
- G. Review City's financial affairs and investment policy and portfolio, and bring to the City Council any items of concern or suggested improvements.
- H. Perform other duties the City Council assigns.

(Ord. 1481, 07-20-2015) (Ord. 1522 04-10-2017) (Ord. 1538 12-11-2017)