Number: 7-148

Establishment of a Recreation and Community Activities Commission

Statutory Reference: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-148 (c)(6)(A)(i)

Purpose: To establish, maintain and conduct public and recreational areas and

activities as are authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Definitions: "Cause" is malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance.

"Malfeasance" is any intentionally illegal act or knowingly exceeding

one's authority for improper (illegal or prohibited) reasons.

"Misfeasance" is committing a wrong or error by mistake, negligence or

inadvertence but without bad intent or violation of the law.

"Nonfeasance" is continued and successive failure to perform one's

duties or obligations in their position on this board.

Exceptions: None.

Ordinance Text: There is hereby created a Recreation and Community Activities

Commission of the Town of Hampton which shall establish, maintain, and conduct such public and recreational areas and activities as are

authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut.

The Commission shall create bylaws.

The Commission is authorized to request and receive appropriations from the Town, to set reasonable charges for any event, activity or program, to receive private donations and to expend such funds for the purposes for which it was created. The Commission shall submit to the Board of Selectmen a report of its activities for the preceding year and a budget for

the ensuing year.

Membership: The Commission shall consist of nine (9) regular members and three (3)

alternates who shall be residents of the Town. Alternates shall serve as full members when properly seated and at no time shall a vacancy in regular membership(s) prevent the conduct of business as long as a majority of filled and/or appropriately seated membership is maintained. The members and alternates shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve for terms of two (2) to four (4) years: Five (5) for four (4) years, two (2) for three (3) years, and two (2) for two (2) years, so that all terms do not expire in the same year. The alternates shall have terms of two (2) years, three (3) years, and four (4) years respectively. Alternate members shall, when seated by the Chairman on a rotational basis, have all the powers and duties of a regular member of the commission for the meeting seated. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the

Board of Selectmen for the completion of the vacated term.

The members of the Commission shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary and may elect other positions (Vice Chairman, Treasurer) as needed. Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. All officers shall be elected by majority vote of the Commission members_and their duties formally documented in the bylaws. No member of the Commission shall receive any compensation for his/her services as a member.

This ordinance establishes that any member, or alternate, of the Commission may be removed from their position on the Commission for good cause, defined as malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance, in their duties on the Commission by the Board of Selectmen upon formal request of the majority of commission members.

Meetings:

The Commission shall hold at least four (4) regular meetings per year and shall keep minutes and records as required by law. The commission may establish subcommittees, or ad hoc committees, to provide recommendations to the Commission and complete specified commission business if so charged. Commission non-members may serve on such subcommittees. The Commission may collaborate with other Hampton agencies, boards, commissions and committees with shared interests and is encouraged to hold periodic meetings with said organizations where overlaps are identified.

Prior Ordinance: Ordinance #7-129 is repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance.

Fees: N/A.
Penalties: N/A.

Cross References: N/A.

History: Original ordinance approved at Town Meeting May 19, 1981.

Amended ordinance approved at Town Meeting May 29, 2008, Town Meeting.

November 17, 2008 and approved at Town Meeting, published (Hampton Gazette) February 2009, effective March 2009.

May 2014: 2008 Ordinance replaced upon effective date. New ordinance shows the correct ordinance number and statutory reference, reduces the number of members to 9 (9), and clarifies term lengths, commission membership, alternates, by-laws, and officers.

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