

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 014

AN ORDINANCE OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 23 ½ - RECREATIONAL AREAS; ARTICLE III. – RECREATION PARKS; DIVISION 2. -RECREATION COMMISSION; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 23 ½ - 56 MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) has determined the citizens of Nassau County are best served by local residents in recommending or deciding local issues; and

WHEREAS, the County Recreation Commission serves as the body that provides support for the Parks and Recreation Department and recommendation for specific rules and regulations and provide oversight and guidance to sports organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to amend the membership criteria of the County Recreational Commission to provide for county residency requirements for board appointees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the amendments set forth herein are in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Nassau County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amending Chapter 23 ½ Recreational Areas, Article 23 ½ -Recreational Parks, Division 2. -Recreation Commission, Section 23 ½ -56. Section 23 ½ -56. -Membership is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23 ½ -56. Membership.

(a) The county recreation commission shall be:

- (1) *Comprised of eleven (11) members.* Nine (9) of the eleven (11) members shall be members of the sports organizations that have entered a facility use agreement approved by the board of county commissioners. Each sports organization shall submit the names and addresses of the respective presidents to the ~~board~~ Board of ~~county~~ County commissioners Commissioners, who shall appoint the presidents to serve on the recreation commission. Each president shall remain on the commission during the respective terms as president of the respective organizations.

- (2) Two (2) members shall be chosen at large by the ~~board-Board~~ of ~~county-County~~ ~~commissioners~~ Commissioners. At large members shall be full-time permanent residents of Nassau County as verified by a valid homestead exemption in his/her name maintained throughout the term of office. Said at large members shall not be affiliated with any of the above organizations. Terms for the at large members shall be a two-year term, and a three-year term.
- (3) Alternates. Each president of the sports organizations shall also submit, annually, the names of two (2) alternates to the ~~board-Board~~ of ~~county-County~~ ~~commissioners~~ Commissioners each year. The alternates will be appointed by the ~~board-Board of~~ ~~county-commissioners~~. The alternates may participate at all recreation commission meetings but shall not have voting privileges unless the appointed president is absent, and then only one (1) alternate may vote. Terms for the alternates shall be for the one-year terms.

SECTION 2. CODIFICATION

It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners for Nassau County that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and shall be made part of the Code of Ordinances of Nassau County, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be re-numbered or re-lettered and the words may be changed to section, article or other such appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention. The Nassau County Clerk of Courts will ensure that this Ordinance is codified into, and published, as part of the Nassau County Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 3. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

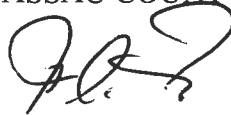
It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, and is hereby provided, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be so construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State as provided in Florida Statutes, Section 125.66.

Adopted this 12th day of June, 2023 by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida.

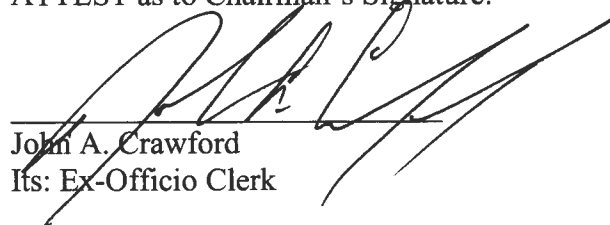
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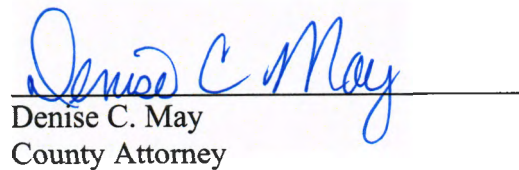
Its: Chair

ATTEST as to Chairman's Signature:



John A. Crawford
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



Denise C. May
County Attorney



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June 16, 2023

Honorable John A. Crawford
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Nassau County
76347 Veteran's Way, Suite 456
Yulee, Florida 32097

Attention: Heather Nazworth

Dear Honorable John Crawford:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of your electronic copy of Nassau County Ordinance No. 2023-014, which was filed in this office on June 16, 2023.

Sincerely,

Anya Owens
Administrative Code and Register Director

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