

# CITY CLERK

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## BOARD - COMMITTEE APPLICATION

CITY of NORTH PORT



Board Preference: Municipal Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund  
Name: Casey Ketch Date: 9/9/2016  
Home Address: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]  
Home Phone: [REDACTED] How long have you lived in North Port? 8 years  
Occupation: Firefighter  
Name & Address of Business: 4980 City Center Blvd  
Business Phone: (941) 240-8150 Fax #: [REDACTED] E-Mail: [REDACTED]  
Are you retired? Yes  No  If yes, from what? N/A  
Are you currently serving on a City Board/Committee? NO  
If yes, which Board? N/A  
Educational Background: AS Fire Science from St Petersburg College  
Civic Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

### Three Personal References (Include address and phone number)

1. Anthony Caputo, 1 Clubhouse Rd, Rotonda, FL (941) 740-0365
2. David White, [REDACTED]
3. Jennifer McLeod, 3248 Myrica St, North Port FL 34286 (941) 254-8007

### Why do you desire to serve on the above Board/Committee?

I am a local firefighter and have a vested interest in both the fire Dept and the community

\*\*\*\* PLEASE FORWARD A SIGNED APPLICATION TO THE CITY CLERK IN PERSON OR BY FAX TO 429-7008\*\*\*\*

To Community Economic Development Advisory Board Applicants: Preference will be given to applicants who are also City residents. It is preferred that a majority of the categories be filled by City residents. However, in cases where local residents are unable or unavailable to fill a specific category, applicants who are not City residents will be considered. Please indicate the membership category for which you are applying: \_\_\_ Financial Services; \_\_\_ Real Estate; \_\_\_ Medical and Healthcare; \_\_\_ Development, Engineering, Planning; \_\_\_ Higher Education/School Board Member; \_\_\_ Home Owners Association board member; \_\_\_ Tourism; \_\_\_ Diversified Light Industrial/Manufacturing; \_\_\_ Public Relations; \_\_\_ Land Use Attorney \_\_\_ North Port resident with no business or specific organizational affiliation.

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Casey M. Ketch  
Applicant's Signature



BOARD - COMMITTEE APPLICATION

OCT 31 2016

CITY OF NORTH PORT

Board Preference: MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTER'S PENSION TRUST FUND

Name: GERARDO RODRIGUEZ Date 10-28-16

Home Address: [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] How long have you lived in North Port? 10 YRS

Occupation: FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC

Name & Address of Business: CITY OF NORTH PORT FIRE RESCUE

Business Phone: (941) 240-8150 Fax# (941) 240-8182 E-Mail G.RODRIGUEZ@CITYOFNORTHPORT.COM

Are you retired? Yes No [checked] If yes, from what?

Are you currently serving on a City Board/Committee? YES

If yes, which Board? MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTER'S PENSION TRUST FUND

Educational Background: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Civic Organizations: N. PORT FIREFIGHTERS BENEV. ASSOC.

Three Personal References (Include address and phone number)

- 1. JOSEPH JURBAN 5129 RUMSON AVE N. PORT FL (561) 294-1643
2. GASTON BALZAN [REDACTED]
3. DAVID TRURAN [REDACTED]

Why do you desire to serve on the above Board/Committee?

TO CONTINUE SERVING ON THIS BOARD UNDER MY CURRENT POSITION TO FURTHER GROW AND PROTECT THE ASSETS OF THE PENSION

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[Handwritten Signature]
Applicant's Signature

Established by Ordinance No. 91-6, adopted by the North Port City Commission on 04-15-1991.  
 5 members, 2 firefighters, 2 residents, and 1 chosen by majority of other 4 trustees.  
 2 year terms.  
 Meets quarterly.  
**Financial Disclosure Required.**  
**1 year residency requirement.**

David Carroll, Plan Administrator (276) 617-8360

Email: [dcarrolltpa@gmail.com](mailto:dcarrolltpa@gmail.com)

ONLY LIAISON RECEIVES A COPY OF LIST WITH ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF FIREMEN. THIS INFORMATION IS REDACTED FOR ANYONE ELSE.

Florida Statutes Chapter 119.071(4)(d)1.

**MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS PENSION TRUST FUND  
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

<b>TERM EXPIRATION</b>	<b>NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE</b>	<b>DATE APPOINTED</b>
09-30-17	<b>TOM TRUESDALE</b>	09-30-15
09-30-15	<b>CHAIR</b>	09-30-13
09-30-13	<b>(Firefighter, elected by Firefighter members)</b>	09-30-11
09-30-11	4980 City Center Boulevard	09-30-09
09-30-09		09-30-08
09-30-08		09-30-06
09-30-06		09-30-04
09-30-04		09-30-02
11-04-02		11-04-00
11-04-00		10-15-98
11-04-98		10-15-96
11-12-17	<b>SCOTT DUFF</b>	11-12-15
11-14-15	<b>SECRETARY</b>	11-14-13
11-10-13	<b>(Chosen by a majority of the previous four Trustees</b>	11-10-11
09-28-11	<b>after which such person's name shall be submitted to</b>	09-28-09
	<b>the North Port City Commission. The Commission shall, as a</b>	
	<b>ministerial duty, appoint such person to the Board as its fifth Trustee.)</b>	
09-30-16	<b>GEORGE MILLER</b>	09-30-14
09-30-14	<b>(Firefighter, elected by Firefighter members)</b>	09-30-12
09-30-12		09-30-10
11-24-16	<b>GERARDO RODRIGUEZ</b>	11-24-14
11-13-14	<b>(North Port Resident, appointed by Commission)</b>	11-13-12
10-25-18	<b>JAMES E. MELLO, JR.</b>	10-25-16
	<b>(North Port Resident, appointed by Commission)</b>	

change the rights of all previously designated beneficiaries to receive any benefits under the System shall cease.

**§ 49-55. Board of Trustees.**

A. The sole and exclusive administration of and responsibility for the proper operation of the retirement system and for making effective the provisions of this ordinance are hereby vested in a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) Trustees, two of whom, unless otherwise prohibited by law, shall be legal residents of the municipality, who shall be appointed by the North Port City Commission, and two of whom shall be full-time Firefighter Members of the system, who shall be elected by a majority of the Firefighters who are Members of the system. The fifth Trustee shall be chosen for a two (2) year term by a majority of the previous four Trustees as provided for herein, and such person's name shall be submitted to the North Port City Commission. Upon receipt of the fifth person's name, the North Port City Commission shall, as a ministerial duty, appoint such person to the Board of Trustees as its fifth Trustee. The fifth Trustee shall have the same rights as each of the other four Members appointed or elected as herein provided and shall serve a two (2) year term unless the office is sooner vacated and may succeed himself or herself in office. Each resident Trustee shall serve as trustee for a period of two (2) years, unless sooner replaced by the North Port City Commission at whose pleasure Member shall serve, and may succeed himself or herself as a trustee. Each Firefighter Trustee shall serve as trustee for a period of two (2) years, unless he or she sooner leaves the employment of the City as a Firefighter or otherwise vacates his or her office as Trustee, whereupon a successor shall be chosen in the same manner as the departing Member. Each Firefighter may succeed himself or herself in office. The Board of Trustees shall meet at least quarterly each year. Each Board of Trustees shall be a legal entity with, in addition to other powers and responsibil-



## City of North Port

### ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1998-6, ORDINANCE NO. 2002-10, ORDINANCE NO. 2003-11, ORDINANCE NO. 2006-05, ORDINANCE NO. 2006-26 AND ORDINANCE NO. 2007-02; ADOPTING PART II, CHAPTER 4, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE I, BOARDS GENERALLY, OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

#### SECTION 1 - REPEAL

- 1.01 - Ordinances Nos. 1998-6, 2002-10, 2003-11, 2006-05, 2006-26 and 2007-02 relating to Boards, Committees and Commission, as codified in North Port Code Chapter 2, Sections 2-601 through 2-607, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

#### SECTION 2 - ADOPTION OF PART II, CHAPTER 4, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE I, BOARDS GENERALLY, OF THE CITY CODE

- 2.01 - The City Commission of the City of North Port hereby adopts Part II, Chapter 4, Boards and Committees, Article I, Boards Generally, of the City Code, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

#### SECTION 3 - SEVERABILITY.

- 3.01- If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

#### SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE.

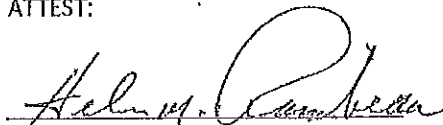
- 4.01- This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07

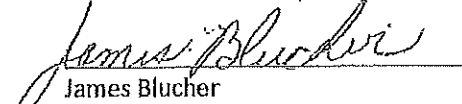
READ BY TITLE ONLY in public session this 27 day of January, 2014.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission this 10th day of February, 2014.


ATTEST:

  
Helen M. Raimbeau, MMC  
City Clerk

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

  
James Blucher  
Mayor

Approved as to form and correctness:

  
Robert K. Robinson  
City Attorney

## EXHIBIT A

### PART II, CHAPTER 4, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE I, BOARDS GENERALLY

#### Sec. 4-1. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of the City Commission of the City of North Port to establish uniform rules of procedure and governance of the meetings and conduct therein of the various boards and committees of the City of North Port, Florida. Any reference to boards in this article shall also include councils and committees. The provisions of this article shall apply to all boards and committees created by the City Commission, except that an ordinance or resolution creating a board or committee that conflicts with a provision of this article shall control over this article, unless otherwise expressly provided in this article.

#### Sec. 4-2. Board construction.

A. All boards shall consist of seven regular members and two alternates. One regular member of each advisory board may be a youth member, unless youth members are specifically provided for by ordinance.

B. Each board shall elect from its members a chairperson to serve as the presiding officer at all meetings and a vice-chairperson to serve as the presiding officer at all meetings at which the chairperson is absent. Board chairpersons and vice-chairpersons shall be elected annually at their first meeting of each calendar year. Youth may not serve as chair or vice-chair unless they are 18. A member may not serve as chairperson for more than two consecutive years.

C. No subcommittees, special committees or ad hoc committees shall be formed by the boards without prior approval of the City Commission.

D. Alternates. In the absence of a regular member, an alternate shall take the place of the regular member and may participate and vote in the meeting as a regular member. The first alternate shall take the place of the first absent regular member, and the second alternate shall take the place of the next absent regular member. If both a regular member and the first alternate are absent, the second alternate will sit as a regular member. An alternate may participate in a meeting as a nonvoting member through the making of a motion on an issue if he or she is not filling in for a regular member.

#### Sec. 4-3. Appointment, qualifications, term and vacancies.

A. Appointment. All board members shall be appointed by majority vote of the City Commission.

B. Residency. All board appointees shall have resided within the City for a period of six months. Residency must be maintained throughout the term of office. Failure to maintain permanent residency within the City shall result in automatic vacation of the board seat.

C. Advisory board members serve at the pleasure of the Commission and may be removed or replaced by a majority vote of the Commission, unless otherwise provided by law.

D. **Compensation.** Board members shall serve without compensation. An advisory board member shall receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of his/her official duties only upon prior written request and written authorization of the City Manager.

E. **Youth.** Persons aged 14 -17 years at the time of appointment and in high school may serve on non-quasi-judicial boards.

F. **Term.** Adult board members shall serve two year terms, and may be reappointed for one additional two year term. Service is limited to two consecutive terms, but a former board member may reapply for the same board after an absence of one year. Youth board members shall serve a one year term, and may be reappointed for an additional one year term if they are still in high school and under 18 at the time of reappointment. Youth who have aged out may apply for membership as an adult member.

G. Alternate and youth board member seats are filled in the same manner as regular board member seats.

H. Citizens of the City of North Port may serve on only one board with the exception of ad hoc, task force or special committees appointed by the Commission for specific purposes. When such ad hoc committees are established by the City Commission in which responsibilities and terms are limited, a citizen serving on one board may also serve on the ad hoc committee. An individual may not hold a position on two quasi-judicial boards concurrently.

I. Relatives shall not serve on the same advisory board or committee, and may not serve concurrently where one is a member of a board which issues decisions that are subject to appeal to a board on which their relative sits. Relative shall be as defined in F.S. § 112.3135 as amended, with the addition of grandfather and grandmother.

J. City employees may only sit on boards where expressly provided by law, ordinance or resolution.

K. **Vacancies.**

1. Applications of persons seeking appointment or reappointment to a board shall be kept on record for a period of two years. After two years a new application shall be required for persons still seeking appointment or reappointment.
2. **New Boards.** The City Commission shall appoint board members from the available applicants by majority vote. The City Commission is not required to make an appointment, even if some seats are left unfilled, except where otherwise provided by law.
3. **Existing Board Vacancies.** The City Commission shall appoint board members to a vacant seat from the available applicants by majority vote. The City Commission is not required to make an appointment, even if some seats are left unfilled, except where otherwise provided by law.
4. The City Clerk or designee shall announce vacancies and upcoming board member term expirations for all boards at each regular Commission meeting and shall advertise in an appropriate medium to solicit applications from interested citizens to serve on the boards. One month after a vacancy or a term expiration is first announced at a commission meeting, or if no applications are received within that time and no applications are on file, upon receiving an eligible application, the application(s) will be



placed on a Commission meeting agenda for the Commission to review for appointment. The City Commission is not required to make an appointment, except as otherwise provided by law.

5. The City Clerk or designee shall post on the bulletin board and provide the commission with a list to be updated periodically of those appointments expiring from the various boards, to include the name, appointment and termination dates at least three months in advance. Copies shall also be made available for the citizens at commission meetings in an effort to encourage more participation in the boards. The City Clerk will add to the regular Commission meeting agenda the list of vacancies and term expirations on the various boards.
- L. Conflicts of interest. Prior to reappointing an advisory board member or appointing a public officer as defined in F.S. Ch. 112, the City Commission shall consider the number and nature of the memoranda of conflict previously filed by the public officer.
- M. Effect of change in qualifications or term. For any board members serving on a board prior to a change in number of members, length of term, or adoption of a disqualifying factor such as service on only one advisory board or a prerequisite for service, the board member may continue to serve out the duration of their term under the prior ordinance or resolution, where the board member was appropriately appointed at the time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the change in ordinance or resolution was required by state or federal law, county ordinance or City charter, and immediate compliance is needed, the board member's seat will be vacated. This subsection shall control over specific board ordinances unless the board ordinances expressly states otherwise.

**Sec. 4-4. Meetings.**

- A. An annual calendar of regular meeting dates shall be approved at the first board meeting of every year. These regular meetings shall be used in determining attendance records.
- B. The specific dates and times for the meetings shall be determined by each board, with consideration given to staff liaison, recording secretary and City Hall meeting facilities availability. Special meetings and workshops may be scheduled upon consent of the board. The board chairperson, or in their absence, the vice-chairperson, is also authorized to call or schedule a special meeting or workshop, which requires 48 hour notice and posting. Emergency meetings may be scheduled by the board chairperson, or in their absence, the vice-chairperson, through the staff liaison.
- C. Board members shall make every reasonable effort to attend all meetings. A board member will be deemed to have resigned his or her seat if:
  1. He or she has unexcused absences from four (4) consecutive regular meetings, or
  2. He or she is absent without excuse from twenty-five percent (25%) or more of regular board meetings in a calendar year. The percentage of absences for the preceding year shall be calculated by the City Clerk's office each January.

Upon such resignation, the City Clerk shall notify the chairperson and members present that the member has resigned his or her seat through excessive absences and the seat is now vacant. The City Clerk shall then send a letter to the member notifying that member that his or her seat has been vacated due to excessive unexcused absences. An absence is excused if a result of

personal or family illness, or death in the family.

- D. Board members must attend the entire meeting and not leave the meeting until adjourned by formal vote of the membership of the board. Members shall arrive at meetings promptly at the regularly scheduled time. If a member must leave during the meeting, due to illness or family emergency, that member shall request approval from the chairperson before doing so.
- E. **Quorum.** A majority of the appointed regular and youth members of a board shall constitute a quorum, unless otherwise provided by law. A majority vote of members present shall be required to take official action.
- F. **Public comment.** The public shall be allocated time to comment on agenda items and matters pertinent to each board pursuant to state law. The City Commission may establish policies governing public comment for the boards. Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on each agenda item except as provided for below. The right to comment does not apply to:
  - 1. An official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety, if compliance with the requirements would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the board to act;
  - 2. An official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including, but not limited to, approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations;
  - 3. A meeting that is exempt from §286.011; or
  - 4. A meeting during which the board or commission is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity. This paragraph does not affect the right of a person to be heard as otherwise provided by law.

**Sec. 4-5. Rules of order and decorum.**

- A. All of the boards established by the City Commission shall be subject to the following rules of decorum in the conduct of all boards meetings:
  - 1. While the meeting is in session, the members must preserve order and decorum, and a member shall neither, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the meeting or disturb any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the presiding officer. Members of boards and committees shall not leave their seats during a meeting without first obtaining the permission of the presiding officer.
  - 2. Any person making personal, impertinent, slanderous or profane remarks or who willingly utters loud, threatening or abusive language or engages in any disorderly conduct which would impede, disrupt, or disturb the orderly conduct of any meeting, hearing, or other proceedings shall be called to order by the presiding officer and, if such conduct continues, may at the discretion of the presiding officer, be ordered barred from further audience before the board during that meeting.
  - 3. No person in the audience shall engage in disorderly conduct such as hand clapping, yelling and similar demonstrations, which conduct disturbs the peace and good order of the meeting.
  - 4. The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, as amended, is hereby adopted as a guide to the conduct of all meetings of all boards established by the City Commission. Robert's Rules shall not be applied where such application would be in conflict with the

law. Failure to strictly adhere to Robert's Rules of Order shall not invalidate any action taken by a board.

- B. Board members shall comply with all City and State laws applicable to their board. All board members are required to attend a city-sponsored seminar on sunshine, public records, and ethics law annually. Failure to attend a seminar each year, based on the date of a board member's appointment, shall be treated as a resignation by that board member.
- C. Those boards which must conduct quasi-judicial hearings, such as the code enforcement board, planning and zoning advisory board and zoning board of appeals shall comply with state law while conducting quasi-judicial hearings.

**Sec. 4-6. Enforcement of order and decorum.**

- A. Any member of a board may move to require the presiding officer to enforce these rules and the affirmative vote of a majority of the board shall require him/her to do so.
- B. In the event that any meeting is willfully disturbed by a person or persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting infeasible and when order cannot be restored, the meeting may be adjourned by the presiding officer and the remaining business considered at the next regular meeting.
- C. If the matter being addressed prior to adjournment is of such nature as to demand immediate attention, the presiding officer may either call a special meeting within 48 hours or continue the meeting to a date certain to discuss the urgent item only. This is an exception to the requirements of Section 4-9(A).
- D. By a majority vote of the members of a board, the board may recommend to the city commission the removal of a member who fails to comply with any provisions of this article.

**Sec. 4-7. Reports.**

- A. All boards shall provide verbal or written reports to the City Commission to include the previous fiscal year's activities and their goals for the following fiscal year in the first quarter of the calendar year each year. The City Commission shall review the annual reports, duties, responsibilities and goals of the boards, and thereafter meet with the boards to address issues if necessary.
- B. Appointees to non-City boards, in which one appointee represents the City, shall make verbal or written reports to the Commission at least twice yearly.

**Sec. 4-8. City Clerk duties.**

- A. The City Clerk shall provide a recording secretary to assist each board within the City of North Port. The recording secretary shall attend all board meetings. The recording secretary's duties shall be limited to the recording of meeting proceedings, preparation of minutes, conduct of the roll call and maintenance of a record of attendance of all members of boards. If the board has quasi-judicial issues on the agenda, a recording secretary, who has a notary public certification, will assist in the swearing in of all parties, in the absence of the City Clerk. All other secretarial needs required by boards shall be provided through the appropriate staff liaison. The original

approved minutes shall be kept on record in the City Clerk's office as the official records of the board. A copy of all approved minutes shall be provided to the staff liaison and to the City Commission.

- B. The City Clerk or his/her designee shall act as parliamentarian for all boards.
- C. The City Clerk shall provide to boards and staff liaisons recommended agenda outlines, so as to provide uniformity in all board agendas. The City Clerk is responsible for posting all board agendas.

**Sec. 4-9. Staff liaisons.**

- A. A City staff liaison shall be assigned to each board. This staff liaison will be responsible for the preparation of all agendas, backup material and distribution to the members. The agenda for all regularly scheduled board meetings shall be provided to the City Clerk's office at city hall at least 48 hours prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. The recording secretary shall be provided with a complete agenda package, including backup materials, for the official record and minute preparation purposes. The staff liaison shall notify all members of any special or emergency meetings that are called by the board chairperson or vice-chairperson as soon as possible. The staff liaison shall not schedule a special or emergency meeting if they can determine that a quorum will not be able to physically attend the meeting at the scheduled time.
- B. The City staff liaison assigned to a board shall ensure that the agenda and materials are made available to the board members at least four days prior to the meeting or as expeditiously as is possible under the circumstances.
- C. All requests for reports or research from City staff shall be made by authority of the entire board. No single member may make such requests of any City staff member, including the staff liaison, without formal board approval. Such approval shall be noted in the minutes of the board. Upon approval by a majority of the board, the chairperson of the board may request such research and/or reports from City staff through the staff liaison only. All requests shall be approved by the City Manager, if his/her staff serves as the liaison, or the City Clerk, if his/her staff serves as the liaison. If the request is time extensive, or staffing is not available, the City Manager or City Clerk may request approval of the Commission prior to proceeding. Any refusal by the City Manager or City Clerk shall be provided to the Commission in written form.

**Sec. 4-10. Certificate of appreciation.**

Upon resignation, vacation or completion of his or her term on a board, an appointee shall receive a certificate of appreciation from the City.



## City of North Port

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-39

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY ELIMINATING THE ALTERNATE POSITION FROM ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-07; CHAPTER 4 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE I - BOARDS GENERALLY, SECTION 4-2 - BOARD CONSTRUCTION AND SECTION 4-3 APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATION, TERM AND VACANCIES; ORDINANCE 2014-10, ARTICLE III - ART ADVISORY BOARD, SECTION 4-121 - MEMBERSHIP; ORDINANCE 2014-14, ARTICLE VII - NORTH PORT PARKS AND RECREATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD, SECTION 4-161 - MEMBERSHIP; ORDINANCE 2014-06, ARTICLE VIII - PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, SECTION 4-171 - MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

### SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT.

- 1.01 - The City Commission of the City of North Port hereby amends the City Code by removing alternates from the following ordinances:
- a) ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07; CHAPTER 4 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE I - BOARDS GENERALLY, SECTION 4-2 - BOARD CONSTRUCTION AND SECTION 4-3 APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATION, TERM AND VACANCIES of the City Code, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
  - b) ORDINANCE 2014-10; CHAPTER 4 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE III - ART ADVISORY BOARD, SECTION 4-121 - MEMBERSHIP; of the City Code, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
  - c) ORDINANCE 2014-14, CHAPTER 4 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE VII - NORTH PORT PARKS AND RECREATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD, SECTION 4-161 - MEMBERSHIP; of the City Code, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C."
  - d) ORDINANCE 2014-06, CHAPTER 4 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE VIII - PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, SECTION 4-171 - MEMBERSHIP; of the City Code, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D."

**SECTION 3 - SEVERABILITY.**

3.01- If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE.**

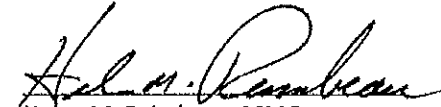
4.01- This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


READ BY TITLE ONLY in public session this 14th day of September 2015.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission this 28th day of September 2015.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

  
Helen M. Raimbeau, MMC  
City Clerk

  
Rhonda DiFranco  
Mayor

Approved as to form and correctness:

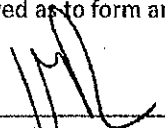
  
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EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER 4, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE I, BOARDS GENERALLY

Sec. 4-1. Legislative intent.

It is the intent of the City Commission of the City of North Port to establish uniform rules of procedure and governance of the meetings and conduct therein of the various boards and committees of the City of North Port, Florida. Any reference to boards in this article shall also include councils and committees. The provisions of this article shall apply to all boards and committees created by the City Commission, except that an ordinance or resolution creating a board or committee that conflicts with a provision of this article shall control over this article, unless otherwise expressly provided in this article.

Sec. 4-2. Board construction.

A. All boards shall consist of seven regular members ~~and two alternates~~. One regular member of each advisory board may be a youth member, unless youth members are specifically provided for by ordinance.

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B. Each board shall elect from its members a chairperson to serve as the presiding officer at all meetings and a vice-chairperson to serve as the presiding officer at all meetings at which the chairperson is absent. Board chairpersons and vice-chairpersons shall be elected annually at their first meeting of each calendar year. Youth may not serve as chair or vice-chair unless they are 18. A member may not serve as chairperson for more than two consecutive years.

C. No subcommittees, special committees or ad hoc committees shall be formed by the boards without prior approval of the City Commission.

D. Alternates. ~~No new alternates shall be appointed. All alternate positions shall cease naturally at the end of their respective terms.~~

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In the absence of a regular member, an alternate shall take the place of the regular member and may participate and vote in the meeting as a regular member. The first alternate shall take the place of the first absent regular member, and the second alternate shall take the place of the next absent regular member. If both a regular member and the first alternate are absent, the second alternate will sit as a regular member. An alternate may participate in a meeting as a nonvoting member through the making of a motion on an issue if he or she is not filling in for a regular member.

Sec. 4-3. Appointment, qualifications, term and vacancies.

A. Appointment. All board members shall be appointed by majority vote of the City Commission.

B. Residency. All board appointees shall have resided within the City for a period of six months. Residency must be maintained throughout the term of office. Failure to maintain permanent residency within the City shall result in automatic vacation of the board seat.

C. Advisory board members serve at the pleasure of the Commission and may be removed or replaced by a majority vote of the Commission, unless otherwise provided by law.

D. **Compensation.** Board members shall serve without compensation. An advisory board member shall receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of his/her official duties only upon prior written request and written authorization of the City Manager.

E. **Youth.** Persons aged 14 -17 years at the time of appointment and in high school may serve on non-quasi-judicial boards.

F. **Term.** Adult board members shall serve two year terms, and may be reappointed for one additional two year term. Service is limited to two consecutive terms, but a former board member may reapply for the same board after an absence of one year. Youth board members shall serve a one year term, and may be reappointed for an additional one year term if they are still in high school and under 18 at the time of reappointment. Youth who have aged out may apply for membership as an adult member.

G. ~~Alternate and Youth board member seats are filled in the same manner as regular board member seats.~~

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H. Citizens of the City of North Port may serve on only one board with the exception of ad hoc, task force or special committees appointed by the Commission for specific purposes. When such ad hoc committees are established by the City Commission in which responsibilities and terms are limited, a citizen serving on one board may also serve on the ad hoc committee. An individual may not hold a position on two quasi-judicial boards concurrently.

I. Relatives shall not serve on the same advisory board or committee, and may not serve concurrently where one is a member of a board which issues decisions that are subject to appeal to a board on which their relative sits. Relative shall be as defined in F.S. § 112.3135 as amended, with the addition of grandfather and grandmother.

J. City employees may only sit on boards where expressly provided by law, ordinance or resolution.

K. **Vacancies.**

1. Applications of persons seeking appointment or reappointment to a board shall be kept on record for a period of two years. After two years a new application shall be required for persons still seeking appointment or reappointment.
2. **New Boards.** The City Commission shall appoint board members from the available applicants by majority vote. The City Commission is not required to make an appointment, even if some seats are left unfilled, except where otherwise provided by law.
3. **Existing Board Vacancies.** The City Commission shall appoint board members to a vacant seat from the available applicants by majority vote. The City Commission is not required to make an appointment, even if some seats are left unfilled, except where otherwise provided by law.
4. The City Clerk or designee shall announce vacancies and upcoming board member term expirations for all boards at each regular Commission meeting and shall advertise in an appropriate medium to solicit applications from interested citizens to serve on the boards. One month after a vacancy or a term expiration is first announced at a commission meeting, or if no applications are received within that time and no applications are on file, upon receiving an eligible application, the application(s) will be



placed on a Commission meeting agenda for the Commission to review for appointment. The City Commission is not required to make an appointment, except as otherwise provided by law.

5. The City Clerk or designee shall post on the bulletin board and provide the commission with a list to be updated periodically of those appointments expiring from the various boards, to include the name, appointment and termination dates at least three months in advance. Copies shall also be made available for the citizens at commission meetings in an effort to encourage more participation in the boards. The City Clerk will add to the regular Commission meeting agenda the list of vacancies and term expirations on the various boards.
- L. Conflicts of interest. Prior to reappointing an advisory board member or appointing a public officer as defined in F.S. Ch. 112, the City Commission shall consider the number and nature of the memoranda of conflict previously filed by the public officer.
  - M. Effect of change in qualifications or term. For any board members serving on a board prior to a change in number of members, length of term, or adoption of a disqualifying factor such as service on only one advisory board or a prerequisite for service, the board member may continue to serve out the duration of their term under the prior ordinance or resolution, where the board member was appropriately appointed at the time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the change in ordinance or resolution was required by state or federal law, county ordinance or City charter, and immediate compliance is needed, the board member's seat will be vacated. This subsection shall control over specific board ordinances unless the board ordinances expressly states otherwise.

EXHIBIT B

CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE III, ART ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 4-120. Establishment

The Art Advisory Board is hereby created and established.

Sec. 4-121. Membership

The Art Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) regular members, and two (2) youth members, and two (2) alternates, all of which shall be appointed by the City Commission. No new alternates shall be appointed. All alternate positions shall cease naturally at the end of their respective terms.

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Sec. 4-122. Meetings

The Art Advisory Board shall meet not less quarterly. The Chairperson may call for a special or emergency meeting to address special issues.

Sec. 4-123. Powers and duties

A. The Art Advisory Board shall advise and recommend on the following matters:

1. The rotation of an art exhibit within City Hall and the Police Department.
2. Recommendations on the placement of artwork within public places within the City limits.
3. Presentation of an art budget to the Commission for review.

EXHIBIT C

CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE VII, NORTH PORT PARKS & RECREATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 4-160. Establishment

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is hereby created and established.

Sec. 4-161. Membership

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) regular members and two (2) youth members, ~~and two (2) alternates~~, all of which shall be appointed by the City Commission. ~~No new alternates shall be appointed. All alternate positions shall cease naturally at the end of their respective terms.~~

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Members shall include representatives of the community at large and the business community, with at least one representative from each sector.

Sec. 4-162. Power and duties

A. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board shall advise the City Commission on parks and recreation matters.

B. The advisory board shall:

1. Make written and verbal recommendations to the City Commission regarding parks and recreation matters within the City of North Port:
  - (a) Use and condition of all public recreation facilities and recommend such changes as the advisory board shall deem appropriate.
  - (b) Recommend recreational programs to ensure that all public recreational facilities are properly and efficiently operated and each facility is utilized to its optimum to the benefit of all citizens.
  - (c) The Parks & Recreation Board Advisory Board will explore various sources of grant funds that may be available for recreational programs and/or facilities and assist in development of an application for such funds.
  - (d) Shall recommend a representative from the Board to serve as a representative on the Sarasota County Parks Advisory and Recreation Council to the City Commission.
2. Make written and verbal recommendations to the City Commission as follows:
  - (a) Design an annual action plan for play and implement initiatives that work

toward improving the quality, quantity and access to play opportunities within the community.

- (b) Conduct a play space audit and make recommendations regarding the play space database.
  - (c) Outline financial and civic investment and identify the financial and civic resources available to the City for play.
  - (d) Celebration of an annual Play Day.
3. Work with government, community, and business representatives to encourage play and play opportunities.
  4. Identify various sources of grant funding that may be available for recreational programs and/or facilities and assist in applying for grants for such funds.

EXHIBIT D

Chapter 4, ARTICLE VIII, PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 4-170. Establishment

The Public Utility Advisory Board is hereby created and established.

Sec. 4-171. Membership

A. The Public Utility Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) regular members, ~~and two (2) alternate members. No new alternates shall be appointed. All alternate positions shall cease naturally at the end of their respective terms.~~ Additionally, a nonvoting nonresident member who receives North Port water and wastewater utility services and represents extraterritorial customers may also be appointed. Such nonvoting member shall not count in determining a quorum.

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B. To the greatest extent possible, members shall have experience and expertise in water and/or sewer services, utility management and/or operations, utility rate setting, utility engineering, utility construction, utility regulation, public health and/or environmental engineering.

Sec. 4-172. Power and duties

A. The North Port Utility Advisory Board shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

1. Assist in public outreach efforts to include groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies and water conservation education.
2. To make written and verbal recommendations to the City Commission regarding water and sewer utilities on such issues as:
  - (a) Capital Improvement projects to be included in the Utility Department's Capital Improvement Program.
  - (b) Water and Sewer Master Plans.
  - (c) Purchase of additional utility facilities.
  - (d) Rate review and recommendations.
  - (e) Utility ordinances.
  - (f) Federal, State and regional utility matters that may affect the City of North Port.
3. To perform other duties relating to water and sewer utilities as the City Commission may from time-to-time direct.