



City of North Port

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, REPEALING CRITERIA RELATING TO THE PLAYFUL CITY USA PROGRAM FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES; AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, SECTION 4-162, REGARDING POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NORTH PORT PARKS AND RECREATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Playful City USA program was offered through KABOOM!, a national non-profit, to recognize and honor cities and towns that ensured kids in their communities, particularly kids from low-income families, were getting the balanced and active play they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2014, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2014-14 establishing the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, including criteria for the Playful City USA program; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Port was recognized as a Playful City USA from 2010 through 2017; and

WHEREAS, KABOOM! discontinued the Playful City USA program in 2017, the standards for the program are no longer followed, and the Commission has determined to remove reference to the program from the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that these amendments serve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

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

SECTION 1 – FINDINGS

1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this ordinance by reference.

SECTION 2 – ADOPTION

2.01 Chapter 4 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida is hereby amended as follows:

“Chapter 4 – BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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ARTICLE VII. – NORTH PORT PARKS AND RECREATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Sec. 4-162. – Power and duties.

- (a) The parks and recreation advisory board shall advise the city commission on parks and recreation matters.
- (b) The advisory board shall make written and verbal recommendations to the city commission regarding parks and recreation matters within the City of North Port, to include but not limited to:
 - ~~(1) Make written and verbal recommendations to the city commission regarding parks and recreation matters within the City of North Port:~~
 - ~~(1) a. Use and condition of all public recreation facilities and recommend such changes as the advisory board shall deem appropriate;~~
 - ~~(2) 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;~~
 - ~~(3) c. Explore The parks and 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; and -~~
 - ~~(4) d. Recommend 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.”~~

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this ordinance and any other ordinance, in whole or in part, the provisions of this ordinance will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

4.01 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional, that provision will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION 5 – CODIFICATION

5.01 In this ordinance, additions are shown as underlined and deletions as ~~striketrough~~. Any additional codification information and notations appear in *italics*. These editorial notations are not intended to appear in the codified text.

SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE

6.01 This ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption.

READ BY TITLE ONLY at first reading by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on April 11, 2023.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, on the second and final reading in public session on April 25, 2023.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

BARBARA LANGDON
MAYOR

ATTEST

HEATHER FAUST, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

AMBER L. SLAYTON, B.C.S.
CITY ATTORNEY