

ORDINANCE NO. 9855-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, REPEALING SECTIONS 2.160 - 2.64, 2.191 - 2.195, AND 2.231 – 2.234; ESTABLISHING SECTIONS 2.101 – 2.104; AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE SISTER CITIES ADVISORY BOARD IN SECTION 2.251; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater adopted the Code of Ordinances on February 4, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the City has made numerous amendments to the Code of Ordinances to account for changing conditions within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City may, from time to time, create or dissolve advisory boards by ordinance as an element of the City's Home Rule powers granted to the City under Florida law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council directed staff on August 6, 2025 to consolidate the Environmental Advisory Board, the Library Board, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board into one board; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article III – Appointed Authorities, Boards, Committees, Divisions 5.1, 7, and 10 are hereby repealed.

Section 2. That Division 3, Community Resiliency and Leisure Services Advisory Board is hereby established and reads as follows:

Section 2.101 – Creation.

There is hereby created a community resiliency and leisure services advisory board.

Section 2.102 – Composition.

The community resiliency and leisure services advisory board shall consist of seven at-large members; three members with environmental science professional background preferred.

Section 2.103 – Terms of members.

The members of the community resiliency and leisure services advisory board shall be appointed by the city council with four-year

staggered terms, staggered such that not more than three terms shall expire in any calendar year.

Section 2.104 – Powers and duties.

The community resiliency and leisure services advisory board shall provide feedback and guidance to the city council on endeavors that enhance sustainable recreation, parks, athletic fields, library services, and cultural programs at city facilities and foster community interest in events and initiatives that promote community well-being and environmental stewardship. Advise on the establishment of rules or regulations governing the library system as requested. Review challenges from a citizen who questions the inclusion of any item in the library collection as requested by the Library Director. If requested by City staff, the board shall hold public hearings for requests to rename a city park or a portion of a recreation facility and provide the city council with a recommendation for a final decision. In the absence of a request for review by City staff, the board shall have no jurisdiction to review or conduct hearings regarding the renaming of any City asset or property. Prioritize recreational needs for inclusion in the parks and recreation master plan. Seek public sentiment on prospective grant applications as requested by the Parks and Recreation Director and Sustainability and Environmental Division Manager. Provide insight to city council on environmental activities within and affecting the city. Identify educational opportunities and community outreach sessions on topics or initiatives supporting the city's community well-being and environmental stewardship objectives identified in the strategic plan. Engage residents to build and strengthen community support and feedback on existing and future projects.

Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, the board shall not advise or conduct hearings on matters on which the city council has already made a decision at a public meeting.

The board shall submit reports to the city council regarding their recommendations, to include an annual activity report.

Section 3. Amend Division 12 – Sister Cities Advisory Board, Section 2.251, Composition, as follows:

The sister cities advisory board shall consist of seven members; one member of the city council, a representative of the local business community, ~~the School Board's World Language Coordinator or designee~~ a Pinellas County Schools employee who has participated in an exchange program as a host or chaperone, a Clearwater Sister Cities Inc. representative, ~~a Clearwater Arts Alliance, Inc. representative~~ a Clearwater resident with an arts education or professional background preferred, a youth member who shall be nineteen years

old or younger, and an at-large member. ~~Representatives of t~~The Clearwater Sister Cities Inc. representative and ~~Clearwater Arts Alliance, Inc.~~ shall be nominated by their respective organizations. Section 2.063, Code of Ordinances notwithstanding, the representatives of Clearwater Sister Cities Inc., and the local business community, ~~the School Board's World Language Coordinator or designee, and the Clearwater Arts Alliance, Inc. representative~~ shall not be required to reside within the City of Clearwater.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED ON FIRST READING

PASSED ON SECOND READING AND
FINAL READING AND ADOPTED

Approved as to form:

Attest:

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