



# City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton  
Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

## Signature

Ordinance: ORD-0089-2024

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GAHANNA CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 151  
- PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, SECTION 151.03 -  
ADMINISTRATION AND CHAPTER 153 - PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD,  
SECTION 153.01 - CREATION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Gahanna Codified Ordinances Sections 151.03 and 153.01, there are currently seven appointed Parks and Recreation Board members comprised of the following: three appointed by the Mayor and three appointed by the City Council for three-year terms, and one member who is an employee of the Gahanna-Jefferson School District appointed by the Gahanna-Jefferson School Board to a one-year term; and

**WHEREAS**, this presents a deviation from other City of Gahanna board and commission ordinances regarding appointing authority and terms of members; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment removes the employee appointed by the School Board and replaces the seventh member of the Parks and Recreation Board with an elector of Gahanna appointed by City Council and standardizes the term of the seventh member to three years, consistent with other board member terms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That Parks and Recreation Department Code Section 151.03 - Administration - is hereby amended as set forth in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and made a part herein.

**Section 2.** That Parks and Recreation Board Code Section 153.01 - Creation - is hereby amended as set forth in EXHIBIT B, attached hereto and made a part herein.

**Section 3.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage by this Council and 30 days after date of signature of approval by the Mayor.

At a regular meeting of the City Council on December 2, 2024, a motion was made by Renner, seconded by Padova, that the Ordinance be Adopted. The vote was as follows:

Ms. Bowers, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. McGregor, yes; Ms. Padova, yes;  
Mr. Renner, yes; Mr. Schnetzer, yes; Mr. Weaver, yes.

President

Merisa Bowers  
Merisa K. Bowers

Date

12/4/24

Attest by Jeremy A. VanMeter  
Jeremy A. VanMeter  
Clerk of Council

Date 12/3/2024

Approved by the Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin  
Laurie A. Jadwin

Date 12.3.24

Approved as to Form PDTZ  
Priya D. Tamilarasan  
City Attorney

Date 12/2/24

**151.03 ADMINISTRATION.**

- (a) The following books and records shall be retained at the office of the Director:
- (1) Such financial accounts and reports as directed by the Director of Finance.
  - (2) An attendance record of those Parks & Recreation Board and Landscape Board members and others who attend Board meetings.
  - (3) The Minutes, record the actions taken during Parks & Recreation Board and Landscape Board meetings. An action includes, but is not limited to: any rule, other than a rule of procedure of the Board, regulations; resolution; recommendation, other than one regarding changes in fees and charges; appointment; transfer; promotion; demotion; termination of employment; expenditure. Said minutes shall be maintained at the office of the Director in accordance with the approved record retention schedule.
- (b) The Director shall submit in a timely manner to the Mayor any and all actions taken by the Parks & Recreation Board and Landscape Board at that meeting, and the Mayor shall have ten days from the date the notice was received to notify the Parks & Recreation Board, Landscape Board and Council in writing of disapproval of any action and reasons therefore. Failure to disapprove within the time specified shall be deemed approval. The Clerk of Council shall, upon receiving notice from the Mayor, set the disapproval as an order of business upon the agenda of the next regular meeting of Council for which an agenda has not yet been set. Council shall vote at that meeting on the matter of overriding the Mayor's veto or the decision shall be deemed approved.
- (c) The Director shall, within two days of a meeting, report to the office of the appointing authority (Mayor, ~~or~~ or Council, ~~or School Board~~) the name of any member who has been absent from three regular meetings in any calendar year.

(Ord. 0030-2011. Passed 2-22-11; Ord. No. 0003-2017, Exh. A, 2-6-17; Ord. No. 026-2020, § 1(Exh. A), 5-19-20)  
(Amended Ord. 00xx-2024, eff. 1-1-25)



**153.01 CREATION.**

- (a) There is hereby created a Gahanna Parks and Recreation Board which shall consist of seven electors of the Municipality. Three of the seven electors shall be appointed by the Mayor; ~~three~~four of the seven electors shall be appointed by Council; ~~and one elector of the Municipality who is employed by the Gahanna Jefferson School District shall be appointed by the Board of Education.~~ Beginning January 2, 1997, one of the seven electors will be appointed by the Mayor for three years, one will be appointed by Council for three years, one will be appointed by the Mayor for two years, one will be appointed by Council for two years, one will be appointed by the Mayor for one year and one will be appointed by Council for one year. Effective January 2, 2025, one will be appointed by Council for three years. Thereafter, each January 2 (if January 2 is a Sunday, then January 3) as the terms expire, ~~City~~ appointments shall be made for a term of three years by the respective appointing authorities for the position for which the term is ending. ~~The School Board shall designate one City elector each year at its first meeting of the year to serve a one year term.~~
- (b) A member of the Board may be removed from office for just cause by the appointing authority, following notice and an opportunity to be heard. Such removed member shall not be eligible for appointment to the Board for a period of five years following removal. Any member of the Parks and Recreation Board that has been absent from three regular meetings during any calendar year, whether excused or not, is removed from office, but may be reappointed at the will of any appointing authority.
- (c) Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms in the same manner as initially executed. If an appointment to be made by the Mayor is not made within 45 days after the date such vacancy occurs, Council, by majority vote, shall make the appointment to the Board for the unexpired term. If an appointment to be made by Council is not made within 45 days after the date such vacancy occurs, the Mayor shall make the appointment to the Board for the unexpired term. ~~In the event that the Board of Education fails to appoint a member to the Board within 45 days from the date of vacancy, the Mayor, with confirmation by Council, shall appoint the additional member of the Board for that term.~~
- (Ord. No. 0030-2011, 2-22-11) (Amended Ord. No. 00xx-2024, eff. 1-1-25)