

CITY OF AVOCA

TITLE II: OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND PERSONNEL
CHAPTER 15: PARK COMMISSION

15.01 PARK BOARD. There shall be a Board of Park Commissioners for the City consisting of three (3) citizens of legal age.

15.02 ELECTION TERM. One commissioner shall be elected at each regular City election for a term of six (6) years.

15.03 ORGANIZATION. Within ten (10) days following the regular City election, the Board shall elect one of its members as Chairperson and one as Secretary.

15.04 TREASURER. The City Clerk shall be the treasurer of the Board and pay out all moneys under the control of the Board on orders signed by the Chairperson and Secretary, but shall receive no compensation for such services as treasurer.

15.05 COMPENSATION. All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, except their actual expenses, which shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

15.06 BUDGET CERTIFIED. The Board shall submit annually to the finance officer a proposed budget and tax levy for general park purposes for the ensuing fiscal year. The Council shall include such tax levy, or so much thereof as it may deem necessary, in the levy for the general fund of the City as certified to the County Auditor.

15.07 RECORDS AND REPORTS. The Board shall keep a record of all its transactions and proceedings and submit a detailed annual report to the Council no later than June first of each year of the amounts of money expended and the purposes for which used.

15.08 JURISDICTIONS AND AUTHORITY. The Board shall have exclusive control of all parks and pleasure grounds acquired by it or of any other ground owned by the City and set apart for like purposes within or without the City. All ordinances of the City shall be in full force and effect in and over the territory occupied by such parks.

15.09 POLES AND WIRES. The Board may regulate or forbid the erection of poles or the stretching of wire for electric light, street, railway, or other purposes in parks or in or along streets or highways or over public places laid out or controlled by it.

15.10 ACQUISITION OF LAND. The Board may acquire real estate within or without the City for park purposes by donation, lease, purchase, or condemnation, take the title to real estate in the name of the Board in trust for the public and hold it exempt from taxation.

15.11 SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY. The Board may, subject to the approval of the City Council, sell, exchange, or lease any real estate acquired by it which in its discretion is unfit, not desirable, unnecessary, or not required for park purpose.

15.12 LIMITED LEASES. The Board may lease under reasonable rates and requirements a particular park or portion thereof.

15.13 RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Board shall have the power to make rules and regulations for the use of park or other facilities under its control, such rules shall be posted on the facility or otherwise publicized in a manner to provide adequate notice to the public.

15.15 PENALTIES. Any person who violates a Board rule or regulation, which has been approved by the City Council and adopted by ordinance, may be subjected to the penalties provided for in the ordinance adopting the rule or regulation.