



CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Environmental Committee

Seven (7) regular and two (2) alternate members; the two (2) alternates will serve as a member in the absence of a regularly appointed member. All members of the environmental committee shall be resident electors of the City of New Port Richey. A quorum shall consist of four (4) members. New members shall be appointed to terms of two (2) years each.

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7. **Open**

Alternates

1. **Open**
2. **Open**

Staff Liaison: Colin Eichenmuller

3.13.00 Environmental committee

3.13.01 Recreated.

The city council hereby recreates the environmental committee. The purpose of the environmental committee is to offer advisory opinions and recommendations to the city council on environmental issues facing the city. (Ord. No. 1359, § 2, 6-20-95; Ord. No. 1459, § 1, 7-7-98)

3.13.02 Duties and responsibilities.

The duties and functions of the environmental committee are as follows:

- (1) The environmental committee shall serve as the planning committee for any of the city's major environmental events, such as the Earth Day event and the Arbor Day Celebration.
- (2) The committee shall explore new environmental initiatives for consideration and funding by the city council.
- (3) The environmental committee shall serve as an advisor to the city council and may render special reports to the city council as the members may deem advisable.
- (4) The environmental committee shall advise the city council on the planting of trees in public places and, in general, provide advice to the city council on the promulgation of the city's urban forestry program. The environmental committee shall fulfill all of the duties of an arbor board, including the filing of such reports and the planning of any programs recommended and required by the National Arbor Day Foundation's National Tree City USA program.
- (5) The environmental committee shall advise the city council on the creation and sponsorship of recycling programs and activities in the city and shall also offer recommendations to the city council on the financial support of recycling programs and events.
- (6) The environmental committee shall review all requests made to the city council regarding the level of financial support for such activities. In addition, the committee may offer recommendations to the city council for the initiation and promotion of new recycling activities to be sponsored, either in full or in part, by the city.

(Ord. No. 1359, § 3, 6-20-95; Ord. No. 1459, § 1, 7-7-98)

3.13.03 Membership.

1. There shall be seven (7) regular and two (2) alternate members comprising the environmental committee. The two (2) alternates will serve as a member in the absence of a regularly appointed member. All members of the environmental committee shall be resident electors of the City of New Port Richey. A quorum shall consist of four (4) members.
2. The initial appointment of members to serve on the environmental committee will be completed so that four (4) members of the environmental committee shall serve an initial term of two (2) years and three (3) members shall serve an initial term of one (1) year. At the conclusion of those terms, new members shall be appointed to terms of two (2) years each.
3. The city council shall select the committee members by a majority vote. The city council by a majority vote may remove any member with or without cause. Vacancies shall be filled from the alternate positions, if available. A committee member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned unless the absence is excused by the chairman prior to the meeting. The chairman of the committee shall notify the city clerk of the member's resignation.

(Ord. No. 1359, § 4, 6-20-95; Ord. No. 1459, § 1, 7-7-98)

3.13.04 Officers.

The voting members of the environmental committee shall elect one (1) of their members to serve as chairman one (1) of their members to serve as vice-chairman, and one (1) of their members to serve as secretary. The secretary shall record minutes for each meeting of the committee. The secretary shall keep the original copy of the minutes and furnish a copy of the minutes to the city clerk. The chairman shall submit an annual report to the city council.

(Ord. No. 1359, § 5, 6-20-95; Ord. No. 1459, § 1, 7-7-98)

3.13.05 Voting authority.

All members and alternates, as well as the public, shall have a voice pertaining to the business brought before the environmental committee. Only members are entitled to vote on all proceedings. Alternates may not vote

unless taking the place of an absent member. Members of the committee shall not vote if they have a conflict of interest pursuant to Florida Statutes.

(Ord. No. 1359, § 6, 6-20-95; Ord. No. 1459, § 1, 7-7-98)

3.13.06 Meeting schedule.

The environmental committee shall meet once every ninety (90) days unless it determines to meet more frequently. Meetings shall be open to the public, pursuant to F.S. section 286.011. The time, date, place, and agenda of the meeting shall be posted by the city clerk in City Hall one (1) week prior to the meetings unless an emergency exists. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

(Ord. No. 1268, § 3, 11-19-91; Ord. No. 1359, § 7, 6-20-95; Ord. No. 1459, § 1, 7-7-98)

3.13.07 Compensation.

The members of the committee shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for travel expenditures in accordance with the Florida Statutes.

(Ord. No. 1359, § 8, 6-20-95; Ord. No. 1459, § 1, 7-7-98)