



## CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

### Cultural Affairs Committee

7 regular members and 2 alternate members; at least 5 members are residents and registered voters. The 2 remaining members must be registered voters and must either own/operate a city business or be employed in the city. Two-year term.

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**Alternates (2):**

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**City code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVISION 3. CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Sec. 2-68. Created.**

The city council hereby creates the cultural affairs committee.

The purpose of the cultural affairs committee is

- to make recommendations and to advise the city council on the financial sponsorship and creation of cultural activities for the education and recreation of the citizens.

**Sec. 2-69. Duties and responsibilities.**

The cultural affairs committee shall

1. review all requests made to the city for co-sponsorship of cultural events and shall
  
2. offer a recommendation to the city council regarding the level of financial support for such events. In addition, the cultural affairs committee may
  
3. offer recommendations to the city council for the initiation and promotion of new events to be sponsored either in full or in part by the city.

**Sec. 2-70. Membership.**

(a) There shall be seven (7) regular members and two (2) alternate members composing the cultural affairs committee. The alternate will serve as a member in the absence of a regular appointed member. At least five (5) members of the cultural affairs committee shall be resident electors of the city. The two (2) remaining members need not be residents of the city, but must be resident electors of the state and must either own or operate a business or be employed in the city. A quorum shall consist of four (4) members.

(b) The appointment of members to serve on the cultural affairs committee will be for two (2) years. The city council shall select the board members by a majority vote. The city council, by a majority vote, may remove any member with or without cause. If available, vacancies shall be filled from the alternate positions.

(c) A board member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned unless the absence has been 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. 1463, § 1, 8-4-98; Ord. No. 1533, § I, 8-15-2000)

**Sec. 2-71. Officers.**

The voting members of the cultural affairs committee shall elect one of their members to serve as chairman, one of their members to serve as vice-chairman, and one of their members to serve as secretary. The chairman shall submit an annual report to the city council. The city manager shall provide clerical and administrative staff assistance as may be reasonably required by the cultural affairs committee for the proper performance of its duties. (Ord. No. 1463, § 1, 8-4-98)

**Sec. 2-72. Voting authority.**

All members and alternates, as well as the public, shall have a voice pertaining to the business brought before the cultural affairs 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 board shall not vote if they have a conflict of interest pursuant to Florida Statutes. (Ord. No. 1463, § 1, 8-4-98)

**Sec. 2-73. Meeting schedule.**

The cultural affairs committee shall meet once every ninety (90) days, unless it determines to meet more frequently. All meetings of the cultural affairs committee shall be open to the public in conformance with F.S. § 286.011, otherwise known as the Government in the Sunshine Law. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. The date, time, place and the 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. (Ord. No. 1463, § 1, 8-4-98)

**Sec. 2-74. Funding.**

The city council shall include a line item allocation in its annual budget to provide for cultural activities or similar purposes. All expenditures made from this appropriation shall be used for cultural events reviewed and approved by the city council. (Ord. No. 1463, § 1, 8-4-98)

**Sec. 2-75. Compensation.**

The members of the board shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for travel expenditures in accordance with Florida Statutes. (Ord. No. 1463, § 1, 8-4-98)