

**ORDINANCE NO. 2160****AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA,  
AMENDING ARTICLE VID OF THE SOUTH PASADENA  
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE RENAMING OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION TO THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION,  
CHANGING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND MEMBERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the City of South of South Pasadena ("City") has twenty community volunteer commissions and committees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City participates on another dozen committees outside the City; and

**WHEREAS**, each of these commissions, committees, and area-wide organizations requires a City Council Liaison and City Staff support; and

**WHEREAS**, the large number of commissions, committees, and area-wide organizations creates a burden on the community, councilmembers, and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2007 the City Council held a meeting to consider ways to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of City commissions and committees; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2007 the City Council concluded that the Natural Resources Commission should be renamed to the Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission, that its purview should be expanded to include science and technology; and that its membership be increased to seven.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Article VID of Chapter 2 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code, regarding the Natural Resources Commission, is modified to read as follows:

**ARTICLE VID. NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION****2.73A Creation.**

There is created and established a Natural Resources and Environmental

Commission of the city which shall consist of seven regular voting members and as many ex officio nonvoting members as the city council shall designate and approve. (Ord. No. 1852, § 1 (part); Ord. No. 1888, § 16.)

**2.73A-1 Appointment and removal of members.**

All seven of the members of the commission shall be recommended by the mayor and appointed by at least three affirmative votes of the city council. All members shall be subject to removal at any time without cause by motion of the city council adopted by at least three affirmative votes. (Ord. No. 1852, § 1 (part); Ord. No. 1888, § 17.)

**2.73A-2 Qualifications of members.**

Regular members shall be qualified electors of the city and shall not hold any paid office or employment in the city government. (Ord. No. 1852, § 1 (part)).

**2.73A-3 Terms.**

The term of office of each regular member of the commission shall be three years or until their respective successors are appointed and qualify, and a commission member may serve for not more than two consecutive full terms. A person that was appointed to serve a partial term or a prior commission member that has not served on the commission for a period of one year may be appointed to serve not more than two consecutive full terms. (Ord. No. 1852, § 1 (part); Ord. No. 1888, § 18; Ord. No. 1951, §§ 1 (part), 2 (part)).

**2.73A-4 Vacancies.**

Any vacancies in such commission, from whatever cause arising, shall be filled by appointment by the city council after recommendation as set forth in Section 2.73A-1. Upon a vacancy occurring leaving an unexpired portion of a term, any appointment to fill such vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of such term. (Ord. No. 1852, § 1 (part)).

**2.73A-5 Deemed vacant when.**

A commission member seat will be deemed vacant whenever such commission member, without excuse from the city council, misses three consecutive meetings or misses one-third or more of all regular meetings within any six-month period. Attendance at less than fifty percent of any meeting will be counted as a miss. (Ord. No. 1852, § 1 (part)).

**2.73A-6 Compensation.**

The members of the commission shall serve without compensation for their services as such, but may receive reimbursement for necessary traveling and other

expenses incurred on official duty when such expenditures have been authorized by the city council. The city council shall include in its annual budget such appropriations of funds as in its opinion shall be sufficient for the proper and efficient functioning of such. (Ord. No. 1852, § 1 (part)).

**2.73A-7 Organization.**

The natural resources and environmental commission shall, at its first regular meeting after June 30th of each year, elect a chairman from among its appointed members to serve for a term of one year. The person selected as chairman shall serve no more than two consecutive one-year terms as chairman. The natural resources and environmental commission shall also select a secretary who may or may not be chosen from the membership of the commission. The selection of a secretary who is not a member of the commission shall first be approved by the city council and such secretary shall not have a vote. (Ord. No. 1852, § 1 (part): Ord. No. 1888, § 19.)

**2.73A-8 Meetings and proceedings.**

The commission shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with this code to govern its procedure and shall by vote set a time for regular meetings which shall be held at least once each month and shall determine the manner in which special meetings may be held and the notice given. A majority of the regular members shall constitute a quorum. All proceedings shall be open to the public. Minutes of the commission shall be filed with the city clerk and city manager. (Ord. No. 1852, § 1 (part)).

**2.73A-9 Powers and duties.**

The powers and duties of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission shall be to:

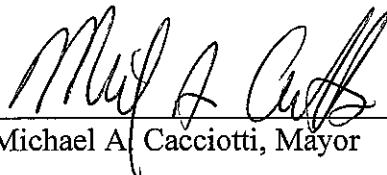
- (a) Act in advisory capacity to the city council in all matters pertaining to energy, science and technology, and natural resources and the environment, and to cooperate with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of the planning, programming, use and conservation of energy and natural resources, as well as the preservation of the environment;
- (b) Formulate and propose policies on the use, reuse, recycling and preservation of natural resources, for approval by the city council;
- (c) Recommend the adoption of standards on organizations, personnel, areas and facilities, program and financial support;
- (d) Make periodic inventories of natural resources that exist or may be needed and interpret the needs of the public to the city council;
- (e) Aid in coordinating the regulation of use and reuse of natural resources with the programs or other governmental agencies and voluntary organizations;

- (f) Inform the public of the policies of the use, reuse, recycling and preservation of natural resources as directed by the city council;
- (g) Formulate, for recommendation to the city council, urban forestry management policies, including management of trees on public or private property;
- (h) Issue tree removal permits and tree trimming permits pursuant to Chapter 34 of this code. (Ord. No. 1852, § 1 (part); Ord. No. 2067, § 1; Ord. No. 2126, § 1).

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby declares it would have passed this ordinance sentence by sentence, paragraph by paragraph, and section by section, and does hereby declare that the provisions of this ordinance are severable and, if for any reason any sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance, and the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be posted or published as prescribed by law.


**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

  
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Michael A. Cacciotti, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sally Kilby, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Richard L. Adams II, City Attorney

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of South Pasadena at a regular meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Putnam, Schneider, Sifuentes, Ten and Mayor Cacciotti

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

  
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Sally Kilby, City Clerk