

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Ordinance #458 - Removing Term Limits for Boards and Commissions
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
PRESENTED BY:	Dick Deal, Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The Shoreline Municipal Code Chapters 2.20, 2.35 and 2.55 establishes term limits for the Planning Commission, Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Board and Library Board. This was created in 1998. A full term for each board is four years, with the Planning Commission maximum term limit set at eight years, the Library Board at eight years and the Park Board at ten years. The issue of term limits is only now coming to our attention since a number of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Board members have terms expiring in early 2007 (Attachment B) and will not be eligible for reappointment. Staff is concerned that the community will lose valuable continuity, experience, and expertise at a particularly important time when we are implementing the many critical park projects recently approved by the voters. Rather than consider the Park Board by itself, staff is recommending for the sake of consistency that term limits for all three boards be removed.

DISCUSSION

Term limits are utilized to provide diverse viewpoints and to give more citizens the opportunity to serve. However, these limited terms also result in the loss of valuable experience and expertise of citizen members who have been instrumental in the building of the City and success of its first ten years.

In March of 2007, five members of the Parks Recreation & Cultural Services Board will end their terms due to term limits. All of these members have served since the beginning of the board and have been influential in the success of the Department and the projects that have been completed. With the passing of the Parks, Open Space and Trails Bond issue in May 2006, members of the board will work with staff to make these projects a reality. This passage culminated many years of work by members of the Park Board who, due to the term limits, will be forced to end their service.

The members of the Board who remain until 2009 will still carry the knowledge and expertise gathered during their years on the Board, but inexperienced members may have questions and concerns that have been addressed by a previous Board. Such delays as these hinder the City's ability to deliver completed projects on time and foster confidence in the voters that approved the 2006 Park, Open Space and Trails Bond.

Removing term limits for these three citizen boards brings continuity to a new community. These groups provide a strong foundation of knowledge and experience to the public participation process. Removing term limits does not hinder the authority of the Council when appointing board and commission members and in fact improves the Council's flexibility in balancing experience and continuity with fresh perspectives and diverse perspectives.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council pass Ordinance #458 removing term limits for boards and commissions.

Approved By:

City Manager 

City Attorney 

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Ordinance No.458
- B. Board Terms

ORDINANCE NO. 458

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON,
REMOVING TERM LIMITS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; AND
AMENDING SHORELINE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 2.20, 2.25
AND 2.55.**

WHEREAS, The City of Shoreline established term limits of two consecutive terms for appointees to the Planning Commission, Parks Board and Library Board when these advisory bodies were created; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Council reappointment process for new terms protects the City's interest in diverse viewpoints and citizen opportunity to serve on these bodies without arbitrarily sacrificing valuable experience and expertise with a limit on consecutive terms; now therefore

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Amendment. Shoreline Municipal Code 2.20.020 is amended to read as follows:

A. Qualifications. Members of the planning commission shall be selected from individuals who have an interest in environmental affairs, planning, land use, and residential and commercial development as evidenced by training, experience or actions. An intent of the selection process shall be to evenly represent the areas of interest as stated herein. Membership in the planning commission shall be limited to residents or owners of property within the city. ~~No member shall serve longer than two consecutive terms.~~

[B-F unchanged]

Section 2. Amendment. Shoreline Municipal Code 2.25.020 is amended as follows:

[A unchanged]

B. Library board members shall serve four-year terms. To allow for the staggering of terms for the initial library board and appointment or reappointment as appropriate, the initial terms shall be as follows: two members for terms of two years and three members for terms of four years. Terms shall expire the thirty-first day of March. ~~No library board member shall serve more than eight consecutive years. [Ord. 65 § 2, 1996]~~

Section 3. Amendment. Shoreline Municipal Code 2.55.020 is amended as follows:

Only persons who reside in the city of Shoreline, own property there, or are employed in Shoreline shall be eligible for membership on the parks, recreation and cultural services board. The board shall consist of nine regular members and one alternate member. The alternate member shall have all of the duties of regular members and fully participate in board meetings, except the alternate member may not vote on action items unless a regular member is absent. Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses pursuant to city ordinances and policies. The position of a member shall become vacant upon such member's ceasing to reside within, own property within, or be employed within the Shoreline city limits. The position of a member shall be forfeited and become vacant for failure to attend three regular consecutive meetings of the board, unless such absence is excused by a majority of the board. Vacancies occurring other than through the expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired terms in the same manner as for appointments as provided in this chapter.

Regular members shall serve four-year terms; the alternate member shall serve a two-year term. To allow for the staggering of terms for the initial parks, recreation and cultural services board and appointment or re-appointment as appropriate, the initial terms for regular members shall be as follows: four members for terms of two years and five members for terms of four years. Terms shall expire the thirty-first day of March. ~~No board member shall serve more than 10 consecutive years.~~ [Ord. 325 § 1, 2003; Ord. 263 § 2, 2001; Ord. 167 § 2, 1998]

Section 4. Publication , Effective Dates. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days after passage and publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON January 16, 2007.

Mayor Robert L.Ransom

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Passey
City Clerk

Ian Sievers
City Attorney

Date of Publication:
Effective Date:



Parks Recreation and Cultural Services Board Members

Name	Initial Term Length	Current Term Length	First Term Began	Current Term Expires	Years served at term expiration
Carolyn Ballo	2 year term	4 year term	1999	March 2009	10
Larry Blake	4 year term	4 year term	1999	March 2007	8
Margaret Boyce	4 year term	4 year term	1999	March 2007	8
Herb Bryce	2 year term	4 year term	1999	March 2009	10
William Clements	2 year term	4 year term	1999	March 2009	10
Patricia Hale	4 year term	4 year term	1999	March 2007	8
Londa Jacques	4 year term	4 year term	1999	March 2007	8
William Martin	2 year term	4 year term	2003	March 2009	6
Dwight Stevens	2 year term	4 year term	1999	March 2007	8
Kevin McAuliffe, Alternate	2 year term (as alternate)	2 year term (as alternate)	2005	March 2007	2

Shoreline Library Board Members

Name	Initial Term Length	Current Term Length	First Term Began	Current Term Expires	Years served at term expiration
Mary Lynn Potter	4 year term	4 year term	2000	2008	8
Jane Hinton	4 year term	4 year term	2006	2010	4
Susan Hoyne	4 year term	4 year term	2006	2010	4
Thomas Petersen	4 year term	4 year term	2006	2010	4
*Yoshiko Saheki	4 year term	4 year term	1996-2000	2004-2008	8

*Term range noted as total service was not in consecutive years.

Shoreline Planning Commission Members

Name	Initial Term Length	Current Term Length	First Term Began	Current Term Expires	Years served at term expiration
Rocky Piro	4 year term	4 year term	2002	2010	8
Sid Kuboi	4 year term	4 year term	2002	2010	8
Michael Broili*	4 year term	4 year term	2005	2008	3
Will Hall	4 year term	4 year term	2004	2008	4
David Harris	4 year term	4 year term	2000	2008	8
Robin McClelland	4 year term	4 year term	2000	2008	8
Chakorn Phisuthikul	4 year term	4 year term	2004	2008	4
David Pyle	4 year term	4 year term	2006	2010	4
Michelle Wagner	4 year term	4 year term	2006	2010	4

* Broili was appointed in 2005 to fill the unexpired term of Carol Doering, who resigned.