

**CITY OF OJAI
ORDINANCE NO. 843**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OJAI AMENDING
SECTIONS 2-4.103, 4-8.03 AND 4-16.102 OF THE OJAI
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO TERMS OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, THE ARTS
COMMISSION, AND THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OJAI FINDS AND DETERMINES AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Title 2, Chapter 4, Article 1 of the Ojai Municipal Code establishes Parks and Recreation Commission; and
- B. Section 2-4.103 of said Article 1 sets out the terms of the Parks and Recreation Commission; and
- C. It is desirable to amend Section 2-4.103(a) to extend the terms of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, other than the youth member, from two (2) years to (4) years and to have the terms staggered by two years; and
- D. Title 4, Chapter 8 of the Ojai Municipal Code establishes Historic Preservation Commission (the "Commission"); and
- E. Section 4-8.03 of said Chapter 8 sets out, among other things, the terms of the Commission members; and
- F. It is desirable to amend Section 4-8.03 to extend the terms of Historic Preservation Commissioners from two (2) years to (4) years and to have the terms staggered by two years; and
- G. Title 4, Chapter 16, Article 1 of the Ojai Municipal Code establishes the Arts Commission; and
- H. Section 4-16.102 of said Article 1 sets out the terms of the Arts Commission; and
- I. It is desirable to amend Section 4-16.102 to extend the terms of Arts Commissioners from two (2) years to (4) years and to have the terms staggered by two years; and
- J. Title 10, Chapter 1 of the Ojai Municipal Code establishes the Planning Commission; and
- K. Section 10-1.01 of said Title 10, Chapter 1 sets out the terms of the Planning Commission, including expiration of terms on December 31 of every other year; and

- I. It is desirable to amend Section 10-1.01 to change the date of term expiration to the second regular meeting in May of every other years to align the terms of the Planning Commission to those of the other City commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2-4.103 of Title 2, Chapter 4, Article 1 of the Ojai Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-4.103. Terms.

The members of the Parks and Recreation commission shall, subject to the conditions set forth in this section, be appointed to the following terms:

(a) All members of the Parks and Recreation Commission other than the youth member shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

(b) The youth member shall be appointed for a term of one year; and can be appointed for a second term.

(c) All members shall hold office until their successors have been appointed and qualified. A person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Commission shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member of the Parks and Recreation commission may be removed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Council, or by a majority vote of the council.

(d) The terms of members of the Commission shall expire at the second regular City Council meeting of May, as provided below. Terms shall be staggered for all members other than the youth member, such that the terms of the three (3) members of the Commission whose terms began in May 2014 shall expire in May 2018 and those four (4) members whose terms began in May 2013 shall expire in May 2016, notwithstanding the provisions of this Code in effect when those members were appointed. Thereafter, appointments will be for four years. The term of the youth member of the Commission shall expire at the second regular Council meeting in May of each year.

SECTION 2. Section 4-8.03 of Title 8, Chapter 4 of the Ojai Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4-8.03. Historic Preservation Commission.

There is hereby established a City Historic Preservation Commission, consisting of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval of the Council. No more than three (3) members of the Commission shall be nonresidents of the City. Four (4) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. Members of the Commission shall be appointed for four (4) years and shall hold office until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term.) The terms of all members of the Commission shall expire at the second regular City Council meeting of May, as provided below. Terms shall be staggered for all members such that the terms of the three (3) members of the Commission whose terms began in May 2014 shall expire in May 2018 and those four (4) members whose terms began in May 2013 shall expire in May 2016, notwithstanding the provisions of this Code in effect when those members were appointed.

Thereafter, appointments will be for four years. In lieu of appointing members to the Historic Preservation Commission as set forth in this section, the Council may designate the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board to serve as the City's Historic Preservation Commission, with all of the authority provided such Board by the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 3. Section 4-16.102 of Title 4, Chapter 16, Article 1 of the Ojai Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4-16.102. Terms.

Members of the Commission shall be appointed to terms of four (4) years. The terms of all members of the Commission shall expire at the second regular City Council meeting of May, as provided below. The terms of all members of the Commission shall expire at the second regular City Council meeting of May. Terms shall be staggered for all members such that the terms of the three (3) members of the Commission whose terms began in May 2014 shall expire in May 2018 and those four (4) members whose terms began in May 2013 shall expire in May 2016, notwithstanding the provisions of this Code in effect when those members were appointed. Thereafter, appointments will be for four years.

SECTION 4. Section 10-1.01 of Title 10, Chapter 1 of the Ojai Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1.02. Terms.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the members of the Planning Commission shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years, expiring at the first regular City Council meeting in May, as provided below. Members shall hold office until their successors have been appointed and qualified. A person who has been appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member of the Commission may be removed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Council and the Redevelopment Agency or by a majority vote of both the Council and the Redevelopment Agency. For those members whose terms are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2015, their terms shall expire at the second regular City Council meeting of May 2016 and for those members whose terms expire on December 31, 2017, their terms shall expire at the second regular City Council meeting of May 2018. Thereafter, appointments will be for four years.

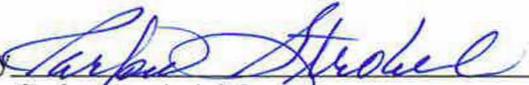
SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, phrases or portions might be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published once, within fifteen (15) calendar days after its passage, in the Ojai Valley News, a newspaper of general circulation, printed, published and circulated in the City, and shall cause a copy of this Ordinance

and its certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the City.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

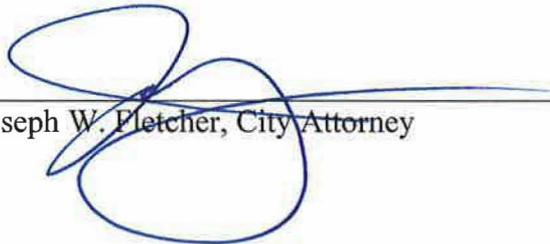
CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA

By 
Carlon Strobel, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rhonda K. Basore, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Joseph W. Fletcher, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF VENTURA)
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CITY OF OJAI)

I, Rhonda K. Basore, City Clerk of the City of Ojai do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ojai held on June 24, 2014 and adopted at a regular meeting held on July 22, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Blatz, Clapp, Lara, Smith, Strobel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None


Rhonda K. Basore
City Clerk for the City of Ojai