

SAN RAFAEL CHARTER

ARTICLE VIII Executive and Administrative Departments, Section 10. FIRE COMMISSION.

There shall be a board of fire commissioners appointed by the council, the exact number of which shall be set by ordinance or resolution of the council, one of whom may be a councilman. The chief of the fire department shall be an ex officio member of the commission but shall not be entitled to vote as a member of the commission. The members of the commission shall serve for a term of four years and shall be subject to removal by the affirmative vote of three members of the council. The terms of office of members of the commission shall be staggered in the manner provided by resolution of the council. The board of fire commissioners shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed or conferred in this charter or by the ordinances of the city. (Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 121, August 20, 1973: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46, May 31, 1967.)

2.16.010 Board of Fire Commissioners.*

A board of fire commissioners is created. (Ord. 889 § 2, 1967: Ord. 825 § 1, 1965: Ord. 422).

* Fire Commission--See San Rafael Charter, Art. VIII § 10.

2.16.011 Board membership--Compensation.

The board of fire commissioners shall consist of five members appointed by the city council, one of whom may be a councilman. The chief of the fire department shall be an ex officio member of the commission, but shall not be entitled to vote as a member of the commission. All members of the commission shall serve without compensation. (Ord. 889 § 3 (part), 1967).

2.16.012 Board term of office and removal.

The members of the board of fire commissioners shall serve for a term of four years and shall be subject to removal by the affirmative vote of three members of the council. The terms of office of members of the commission shall be staggered in the manner provided by resolution of the city council. (Ord. 889 § 3 (part), 1967).

2.16.013 Board powers and duties.

Subject to the direction and control of the city council, as provided in Section 2.04.030 of this code, the powers and duties of the board of fire commissioners shall be:

To review and recommend concerning the future needs of the fire department in respect to long-range capital needs, including buildings, training facilities, and water mains and hydrant replacements;

To review the relationship of the fire department with other governmental agencies and private entities concerning topics which the commission feels present a true and pressing need for the city's fire service, i.e., mutual aid and the fire rating system of the Independent Insurance Office;

To review, comment and make recommendations regarding the annual operating budget of the department;

To recommend to the fire chief and the city council action concerning initial adoption and future amendments to the fire prevention code, the building code, and other such ordinances which pertain to the prevention of fires within the community;

To receive monthly reports from the department head concerning the general operations and functions of the department;

To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the city council.

(Ord. 1131 § 1, 1974: Ord. 889 § 3 (part), 1967).