

ORDINANCE NO. 2981

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND  
REPEALING RESOLUTION 95-19

Annotated to show deletions and additions to the code sections being modified.  
Deletions are **~~bold lined through~~** and additions are **bold underlined**.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to codify the creation of the Conservation Commission in the Ashland Municipal Code; and

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** A new Chapter 2.18, Conservation Commission, is hereby established to read as follows:

**2.18.010 Established-Membership.** The Conservation Commission is established and shall consist of nine voting members including one representative of the solid waste franchisee for the city; and one representative from Southern Oregon University; and one representative from the Ashland School District and six (6) other voting members. At least five (5) of the other members shall reside within the city. The commission shall also consist of certain non-voting ex officio members, including the mayor or one council member serving as council liaison, the Department of Community Development Director and the Electric Utility Director, the Director of Public Works, the Building Official and City Administrator. The Electric Utility Director shall serve as the primary staff Liaison and Secretary of the Commission. Voting members shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council.

**2.18.020 Terms-Vacancies.** The term of voting members shall be for three years, expiring on April 30 of each year. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council for the unexpired portion of the term. The terms of the initial nine members shall be three members for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, which shall be drawn by lot at the first meeting of the commission after the adoption of this resolution. Their successors shall be appointed for three-year terms. Any commissioner who has four or more unexcused absences in a one-year period shall be considered no longer active and the position vacant and a new person shall be appointed to fill the vacancy.

**2.18.030 Quorum-Rules and Meetings.** Five voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of commissioners present at the meeting and entitled to vote shall be sufficient to conduct business. The commission may make rules and regulations for its meetings and procedures

consistent with city ordinances and this resolution, and shall meet at least once every month. At its first meeting, the commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair who shall serve for a period of one year or until replaced by the commission.

**2.18.040 Powers and Duties – Generally.** The powers, duties and responsibilities of the commission shall be to educate and advocate for the wise and efficient use of resources by the City of Ashland and all Ashland citizens. In doing so the commission shall recommend to the council the adoption of policies, implementation strategies and funding related to:

- A. Recycling, source reduction and solid waste/landfill issues;
- B. Electric conservation issues;
- C. Water conservation issues;
- D. Resource conservation issues;
- E. New power resource decisions, but not including decisions involving wholesale power contracts;
- F. Renewable resource decisions;
- G. Air quality issues;
- H. Education of citizens about efficiency issues; and

**2.18.050 Reports.** The commission shall submit copies of its minutes to the City Council and shall prepare and submit such reports as from time to time may be requested by the council.

**2.18.060 Compensation.** Voting members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for services rendered.

**SECTION 2. Continuation of existing appointments.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, currently seated Conservation Commission voting members, appointed under authority of Resolution 95-19, (exclusive of the Mayor and Council Liaison) shall be considered appointed for purposes of this ordinance with term expirations as they currently exist. Vacancies shall be filled as provided in this ordinance. Members who have violated the four or more unexcused absences in a one-year provision of Resolution 95-19 shall not be excused by this Section.

**SECTION 3. Repeal.** Resolution 95-19 is hereby repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Severability.** The sections, subsections, paragraphs and clauses of this ordinance are severable. The invalidity of one section, subsection, paragraph, or clause shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, paragraphs and clauses.

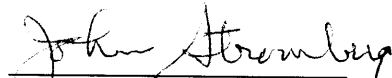
**SECTION 5. Codification.** Provisions of this Ordinance shall be incorporated in the City Code and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “code”, “article”, “section”, “chapter” or another word, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, or

re-lettered, provided however that any Whereas clauses and boilerplate provisions (i.e. Sections 2-5) need not be codified and the City Recorder is authorized to correct any cross-references and any typographical errors.


The foregoing ordinance was first read by title only in accordance with Article X, Section 2(C) of the City Charter on the 17 day of March, 2009, and duly PASSED and ADOPTED this 7 day of April, 2009.

  
Barbara Christensen, City Recorder

SIGNED and APPROVED this 8 day of April, 2009.

  
John Stromberg, Mayor

Reviewed as to form:

  
Richard Appicello, City Attorney