

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-____

CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS TO ESTABLISH A PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the City of Tontitown, Arkansas has a desire to create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in order to advise and make recommendations for the City’s master park plans, the long-term goals and objectives for parks and recreation activities, advise the City on other matters relating to parks, recreation and cultural activities, as requested by the City Council or referred to the board by the City Administration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest and benefit of the community to create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the City of Tontitown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Tontitown, Arkansas:

Section 1. Creation. There is hereby created a board of the City to be known as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (the “Board”).

Section 2. Number and Appointment. The Board has 7 members, appointed by the mayor with the following criteria:

1. Possess skills and qualifications useful to parks and recreation, cultural arts and leadership;
2. Represent the various community sectors (parks and recreation, arts and culture, education, business, and philanthropy); and
3. Be comprised of Tontitown residents with each member serving a 2-year term. Each member shall serve until the end of their term

Section 3. The Board shall have all of the powers and duties delegated to it by the City Council. In addition, the Board’s duties shall be to:

1. Make recommendations to the City Council on the City's parks, recreation and open space master plan, pedestrian and bicycle plan, cultural arts strategic plan, special events, streetscape, community center, individual park project designs/plans and the long-term goals and objectives for parks and recreation activities;
2. Make recommendations on other matters relating to parks and recreation activities as requested by the City Council, or referred to the Board by Community Development Director;
3. Consider public input and make recommendations to the Mayor or Community Development Director regarding the establishment of any parks ordinance an appeal board for departmental policies or rules affecting the public;

4. Annually review the proposed parks and recreation capital improvement program and assist to identify grants and other sources of funding;
5. Make recommendations to the City Council and the Community Development Director regarding the City's Community Foundation granting program;
6. Advise the City Council and the Community Development Director on the assessment of need and the proposed development of City; and
7. Make recommendations to City Council and Community Development Director regarding the City's streetscape program.

Section 4. Rules and Regulations. The Board shall have the power to establish bylaws, rules and regulations, consistent with Arkansas law and the Municipal Code for the City of Tontitown, for the conduct of its meetings. All meetings shall be open to the public and the Board's operations shall be subject to the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance, and to such end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 6. Repeal. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of January 2025.

APPROVED:

Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer
(SEAL)