

**TOWN OF ARGYLE, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ARGYLE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE ARGYLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1.05 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND ADDING DIVISION 4 PARKS BOARD; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town is empowered under §51.001 of the Texas Local Government Code to adopt an ordinance that is for the good government of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has a substantial interest in oversight of Town property designated for parks; and

WHEREAS, determining what actions should be taken on park property in the Town is important to protect the integrity of the Town's neighborhoods and natural assets; and

WHEREAS, assistance in the oversight of maintenance, improvements, and long-term planning of park property will aid the Town Council and staff in the proper management of Town facilities and resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ARGYLE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Argyle, Texas, does hereby order the creation of a Parks Board, as an advisory board for the purpose of assisting the Town Council in formulating, reviewing, and recommending to the Town Council various programs and activities related to parks, public spaces, and recreation activities.

SECTION 2. The Parks Board shall consist of seven (7) members, being residents and qualified voters of the Town of Argyle, to be appointed by the Town Council. Said members shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Council.

SECTION 3. Members of the Parks Board shall serve staggered two-year terms. All terms shall run from November 1st through October 31st. Three members will be reappointed in even years, and four members will be reappointed in odd years.

Members may be removed by a majority vote of the Town Council, with or without cause. At the time initial and annual appointments of the members

are made by the Town Council, the Town Council may appoint the chairperson for the Parks Board; however, if the Town Council does not appoint said chairperson, the Parks Board shall, at the next regular meeting of the board, elect from its members a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for a term of one (1) year. It shall be the duty of the Chairperson to preside at all meetings of the board and the duty of the Vice-Chairperson to serve in the place of the Chairperson in his or her absence from the meeting of the board, or if the Chairperson is no longer able to serve, to assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson until the new Chairperson is appointed or elected.

SECTION 4. The Director of Community Development shall serve as the liaison between the Town and the Parks Board. As a liaison, they shall provide updates as needed to Town Council on meeting activities. They shall serve as secretary to the Board and shall be custodian of all minutes and records of the Board and perform such other duties as the Town Council may deem necessary.

SECTION 5. The Board shall meet regularly and shall designate the time and place of its meetings to discuss possible projects on Park property owned by the Town of Argyle, to ensure progress is being made to implement the Town's long-term vision.

The Board shall abide by all applicable laws of the Town and the state, including but not limited to the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Public Information Act.

SECTION 6. Four (4) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. The members of the Board shall regularly attend meetings and serve without compensation except for reimbursement of authorized expenses attendant to the performance of their duties.

SECTION 7. The Parks Board shall have the duties and responsibilities as follows:

- a. To serve at the pleasure of the Town Council and shall have no advisory or recommending authority over any operating department of the Town;
- b. Once a recommendation by the board has been forwarded to the Town Council, the duties of the board regarding said recommendation are considered complete unless otherwise directed by the Town Council;
- c. The board may make recommendations in conjunction with Town Staff regarding Town ordinances, master plans, or matters pertaining to specific board duties and assignments given by the Town Council.
- d. Encourage and facilitate the establishment and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and other recreational facilities.
- e. Periodically review the master park plan to determine the adequacy of both short-range and long-range park and development needs of the citizens.

- f. Cooperate with all agencies, groups, and civic clubs concerning recreational needs.
- g. Submit periodic reports, including any special reports, as requested by the Town Council.
- h. Study and recommend to the Town Council ways and means of financing parks and recreation facilities, including the potential for state and federal grant funding.
- i. Receive public comment, concerns, and recommendations relating to the Town's parks and recreation programs.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its date of passage.

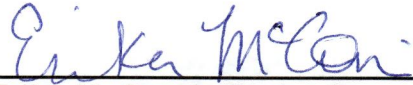
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

TOWN OF ARGYLE, TEXAS



Ronald Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erika McComis, Town Secretary

