

**COUNCIL POLICY**

SUBJECT: RECREATION COUNCILS  
POLICY NO.: 700-42  
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 7, 2005

**BACKGROUND:**

Public recreation is a function of government closely related to the citizenry. In order to achieve participation of the people in the planning of Park and Recreation activities, the Park and Recreation Department has assumed responsibility for the organization of recreation councils.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of recreation councils shall be to promote the recreation programs in the community through planning, administering, publicizing, coordination, and interpretation. The actions of recreation councils in achieving their purpose shall be in accordance with the policies of the San Diego Park and Recreation Department and the Park and Recreation Board.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership in a recreation council shall be open to anyone meeting the requirements of its by-laws as approved by the City Manager or his designee. Recreation councils will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or class of persons on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or age, or physical disability.

**POLICY:**

1. City will work cooperatively with recreation councils in the fiscal administration, planning, promoting, and development of community recreation programs.
2. City will issue "Special Use Permits" to recreation councils for periods of up to three (3) years.
3. City, in consideration of the volunteer services rendered by recreation councils; does hereby agree to provide legal defense to and indemnify such members from liability for acts of such members performed while engaged in assisting the Park and Recreation Department community recreation programs when such acts are done under the direction, control or supervision of Park and Recreation personnel.

The City shall further provide a legal defense to, and indemnify such members from liability for acts of such members performed in connection with recreation councils acting as a body within the policy guidelines of the City of San Diego.

The City shall not, however, defend or indemnify any member of recreation councils for any act or acts with regard to damages or liability resulting from same, alleged to have occurred as a result of any criminal act of any such members.

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**CROSS REFERENCE:**

City Charter Sec. 43  
Municipal Code Sec. 26.30  
Municipal Code Sec. 26.31

**HISTORY:**

Adopted by Resolution R-254869 08/24/1981  
Amended by Resolution R-266849 10/27/1986  
Amended by Resolution R-300111 02/07/2005