



Roles and Responsibilities – Parking Place Commission and Traffic Safety Commission

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Introduction

Overview

- City Government Structure/State Law
- Parking Place Commission
- Traffic Safety Commission
- FAQ's

Background

City Government Structure

- City-Council Manager form of government
- City Manager and City Council roles
- Council-Manager authority

Parking Place Commission

Formation

- Created by SSFMC Chapter 2.64
 - follows the State “Parking District Laws” (Streets & Highway Code Section 35550 et seq.)
- Section 35550 provides purpose and scope
 - A commission is created specifically for the administration of a parking district, and parking spaces in that district
- City form of government controls general municipal operations

Parking Place Commission

Authority and Limitations

- No general power
- Authority is to fulfill the sole purpose of having sufficient parking spaces in the parking them and funding them.
- Cannot act beyond its specific role created by state law.
 - No independent entity power to tax
 - Cannot approve agreements on City's behalf

Traffic Safety Commission

Formation

- Created by SSFMC Chapter 2.81
 - No state law originations
 - City code provides for role and responsibilities
- Advisory body to City staff on matters relating to traffic facilities and planning

Traffic Safety Commission

Scope of Authority

- Similarly, no general power and cannot act outside of Chapter 2.81 scope
- Commission's purpose is to advise and recommend to City staff regarding:
 - Policy, programming, improvements, operation, and maintenance of traffic facilities throughout the City
 - Issues of traffic safety of motor vehicles generally

Past Questions Received by the City Attorney's Office

Inquiries Received

Does the PPC Control Revenue from Parking Tickets?

No, parking ticket revenue goes to the City's General Fund.

Inquiries Received

Is it necessary for PPC to Approve Removal of Parking Meters?

No, if the City removes a parking place, then it is no longer under the Parking Place Commission's jurisdiction.

Inquiries Received

Should PPC receive compensation for lost revenue from parklets?

PPC's powers are limited to operation, management, and control of parking places.

Inquiries Received

Does the PPC have to give input on downtown development that affects parking?

No, the PPC only has control over “the parking places acquired by the district” as set forth in state law.

Inquiries Received

Should the PPC be involved in staff hiring?

No, hiring of staff required for the proper operation, management, and control of the parking places acquired and constructed should be consistent with other city employees.

Inquiries Received

Who owns Miller Parking Garage?

Miller Parking Garage is a City owned garage. The PPC manages the parking places within the parking garage and rates because they are within the jurisdiction of the district. City retains general authority over garage as property owner and governing entity.

Questions?

