

AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
REGARDING THE ZOO COMMISSION

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 15.45 is amended to read as follows:

(1) *Composition.* The Henry Vilas Zoo Commission shall consist of eight (8) members, to be appointed or assigned as provided for herein.

(2) *City Appointments.* The Mayor of the City of Madison shall appoint two members to the Commission, both of whom shall be residents of the City of Madison. One member shall be the City of Madison alderperson representing the aldermanic district that includes the Henry Vilas Zoo. If such alderperson declines to accept the appointment, resigns or is removed from the Commission while still serving as Alderperson, another City of Madison Alderperson identified by the Mayor. Any such member's term on the Commission shall terminate as of the end of his or her term as a City of Madison Alderperson, as of the end of the designated term of the member or as of his or her earlier resignation or removal from the Commission. The second member shall be appointed to fill any vacancy on the Commission resulting from the expiration of the term or the earlier resignation or removal of a current member who was appointed by the Mayor. Such member shall serve for any unexpired portion of the term of the member being replaced, and for an additional three-year term and until his or her successor is appointed by the Mayor, unless a vacancy is created. Members appointed by the Mayor are subject to confirmation by the City, and may be removed according to city regulations.

(3) *County Appointments.* The County Executive shall appoint five members to the Commission. One member shall be the County Board Supervisor representing the district that includes the Henry Vilas Zoo or, if such Supervisor declines to serve, resigns or is removed from the Commission while still serving as Supervisor, another County Board Supervisor. Any such member's term on the Commission shall expire as of the end of his or her term as a County Board Supervisor, or as of his or her earlier resignation or removal from the Commission. The other four members shall be appointed to fill any vacancies on the Commission resulting from the expiration of the term, or the earlier resignation or removal of any current county-appointed member. Each member shall serve for any unexpired portion of the term of the member being replaced, and for an additional three year term and until his or her successor is appointed by the County Executive unless a vacancy is created. If at any time fewer than two of the members of the Commission are residents of that part of Dane County located outside the corporate limits of the City of Madison, the County Executive shall appoint a resident of that part of Dane County located outside the corporate limits of the City of Madison to fill the next available vacancy to be filled under this section. Members appointed by the County Executive are subject to confirmation by the County Board and may be removed according to county regulations.

(4) *Henry Vilas Park Zoological Society.* The President of the Henry Vilas Park Zoological Society shall serve as a standing member of the Commission. If such individual declines to serve, resigns from the Commission while he or she is still the President of the Friends of the Zoo, or if the Friends of the Zoo is dissolved or becomes inactive, such vacancy shall remain unfilled unless and until the Zoological Society elects a new President who accepts appointment to the Commission.

(5) *Duties of Commission.* The Commission shall act as the policy-making and budgetary oversight body with respect to the operation of the Henry Vilas Zoo. The Commission shall annually supervise the preparation of a budget for operation of the zoo. The budget shall be submitted to the County Executive for approval. The Commission shall not assign, convey, lease, sell, devise or otherwise alienate any real property at the zoo or any personal property assigned thereto except that the commission, directly or by written delegation to the director, may sell, lease, trade or purchase personal property in accordance with regulations of the City of Madison or the County of Dane as appropriate. The zoo commission shall determine the hours the zoo shall be open to the public, subject to the requirements that it be open at reasonable hours and that no charge be made for admission to the zoo.

(7) *Commission to conform to city and county regulations.* The zoo commission shall operate in conformity with policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the County of Dane. Proposed and adopted bylaws, rules and regulations of the Commission shall be subject to review, amendment and rescission at any time by the County Board's Public Protection and Judiciary Committee.