

CHAPTER 8
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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2-8-1: APPOINTMENT: A Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (“Committee”) shall be established and shall be comprised of the following seven (7) person voting membership:

- A. Voting members
 - 1. City employee members
 - a. One (1) Idaho Falls Police Department employee, to serve as Committee chair
 - b. One (1) City Engineer
 - c. One (1) Public Works Department employee
 - d. One (1) Idaho Falls Power employee
 - 2. Non-City employee members
 - a. Two (2) members, one (1) each selected from any two (2) of the following member organizations:
 - Bonneville Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO)
 - Idaho Falls School District 91
 - Idaho Transportation Department (ITD)
 - Idaho National Laboratories (INL) – Fleet Safety Division
 - Targhee Regional Public Transportation Authority (TRPTA)
 - b. One (1) City resident who is not a City employee or a representative of any of the member organizations listed in this Chapter.
- B. Non-voting ex-officio member organizations

The following organizations shall each have a continuing appointment to the Committee as a non-voting ex-officio member:

Bonneville Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO)
Idaho Falls School District 91
Idaho Transportation Department (ITD)
Idaho National Laboratories (INL) – Fleet Safety Division
Targhee Regional Public Transportation Authority (TRPTA)

If a member organization has an appointed position on the Committee (as a voting member), such member may vote. Upon expiration of the voting term, the member organization shall return to its non-voting ex-officio status.

C. An ex-officio, non-voting member of this Committee shall not be considered in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present. (Ord. 2200, 4-11-96; Ord. 3069, 4-12-2016)

2-8-2: TERM: The Committee members who are City employees shall serve as assigned by the City Public Works Director, City Police Chief, and the Director of Idaho Falls Power, respectively and are not limited to a two (2) years term. The Committee members who are not City employees shall be appointed by Mayor, with the consent of the Council and shall serve terms of two (2) years. The terms of such voting non-City employee members shall be staggered so that no more than two (2) such members' terms shall expire in any one (1) year. Terms of voting non-City employee members shall expire on the last day of the second year following their appointment. (Ord. 3069, 4-12-2016)

2-8-3: VACANCIES: The Mayor, with the consent of the Council, shall appoint a qualified person to fulfill any unexpired term of any Committee member who is not a City employee, in the event of a vacancy. A non-City employee Committee member may be removed from the Committee following three (3) consecutive absences that are not excused by the Chair. Following the third consecutive unexcused absence, the Chair may request the Mayor for removal of such Committee member. In addition, the Mayor may revoke a Committee appointment of a non-City employee member at any time and for any reason deemed sufficient, with the advice and subject to the approval of the Council. (Ord. 3069, 4-12-2016)

2-8-4: PURPOSE AND DUTIES: The Committee shall study traffic throughout the City to recommend ways to reduce or eliminate traffic hazards and to promote traffic safety by education, traffic controls, laws, regulations, and other means. It shall make recommendations to the Director of Public Works concerning traffic safety and may be called upon by the Council to give recommendations regarding implementation or installation of traffic control devices and other traffic safety enhancements. (Ord. 2200, 4-11-96; Ord. 3069, 4-12-2016)

2-8-5: USE OF RECOMMENDATIONS AS EVIDENCE: In order to encourage the prompt identification and elimination of traffic hazards without fear of liability, all studies and recommendations of the Traffic Safety Committee, and any reference thereto in any minutes of any meeting of the Council, shall be privileged from use or introduction into evidence at any trial or proceeding involving any accident, injury, or loss. All members of the Committee shall also be privileged from testifying about such information at any trial or proceeding. (Ord. 3069, 4-12-2016)