



Office of the City Clerk
BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)

CREATED BY:

Mayor and Council Action, November 26, 1990;
Amended by Mayor and Council Action, December 16, 1996
Amended by Ordinance No. 10180, July 7, 2005
Ordinance 11599, Adopted December 4, 2018
*Ordinance 12024, Adopted August 8, 2023

MEMBERS:

Eleven (11) members, who shall serve without compensation.

QUORUM:

*Pursuant to Tucson Code, § 10A-140(a) this BCC is designated as “Category 1,” for which a majority of the members currently *appointed and serving* shall constitute a quorum.

QUALIFICATIONS:

One representative from each of the following prescribed membership categories:

Business Community;
Ecologist /Wildlife Habitat Specialist;
Educator;
Landscape Contractor;
Landscape Architect;
Horticulturist/Arborist;
Urban Planner/Architect;
Water Conservation Specialist;
Two Neighborhood Representatives; and
Other (related non-profit corporation or other jurisdictions or agencies).

All members must reside or work within Pima County.

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TERMS OF OFFICE:

The City Manager will identify qualified candidates and forward the recommendations to the Mayor and Council for action by majority vote. Members will serve a term of four years.

FUNCTIONS:

The Committee will function in an advisory capacity to Mayor and Council on matters pertaining to policy, planning, design, management and promotion of public education of the City's landscape and vegetation resources.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:

This public body is subject to all of the provisions of the law relating to posting of a public notice and agenda as well as the open meeting requirements.

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT(S):

Urban Planning and Design - 791-4505

Historical Notes:

Originally created with 13 members, recommended by City Manager, appointed by Mayor and Council.

Original Appointment Procedure: Seven of the original thirteen members will serve an initial one-year term, and six will serve an initial two-year term from the date of appointment. Thereafter, members will serve a term of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies resulting from other than the expiration of a term will be for the unexpired term only.

February 14, 1994, amended to 14 members with the additional member added to the Neighborhood Representative category.

January 8, 1996, Mayor and Council again addressed the issue of membership, voting to keep the membership at 14. As there was no representation from Ward I at that time, Mayor and Council voted to fill the two vacant positions with Ward I appointments.

December 16, 1996, Mayor and Council voted to decrease the number of members from 14 to 10. They also voted to delay for 1 month the issue of recommending that Pima County residents may fill vacancies and allow staff through Citizen and Neighborhood Services to solicit City residents to fill these vacancies.

April 7, 1997, Mayor and Council appointed Anne Warner, a county resident to fill the Architect vacancy, having been unable to locate a city resident to fill the position.

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December 8, 2003, Mayor and Council asked the Comprehensive Planning Task Force to work with the Landscape Advisory Committee and help them revise their mission.

Historical Notes:

2004, Comprehensive Planning Task Force has since been renamed the Urban Planning and Design Department and is the Support Department for the Landscape Advisory Committee.

July 7, 2005, Mayor and Council passed Ordinance No. 10180 which increased the membership from ten to eleven by adding the category of "Other" and the term of office was increased to four years, with a maximum of eight years. In addition the Committee must elect officers to serve one-year terms and create by-laws to be filed with the City Clerk.

December 4, 2018 – Ordinance 11599, amended the Tucson Code, Chapter 10A-134(c) allowing members to serve on up to two (2) BCC's Simultaneously.

**August 8, 2023 – Ordinance 12024, amended the Tucson Code Chapter 10A, Article XIII to add a new Tucson code Section 10A-140, defining different quorum requirements for two specified categories of Boards, Committees, or Commissions.*

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