

Davenport Riverfront Improvement Commission
(Ordinance approved on July 26, 2017 by the City Council)

2.62.010 Created.

In pursuance of the laws of the state in reference thereto, there is created and established a riverfront improvement commission in the city, consisting of eleven members, all of whom shall be residents and qualified electors of the city.

2.62.020 Membership -Term.

Each Alderman and the Mayor shall have an assigned commission position for which they are the appointing authority. Appointments shall be confirmed by the City Council. The term of office is six years. The Mayor and Aldermen shall give due consideration to appointing members focused foremost on the stewardship of the Riverfront, overall gender balance of the commission, and professional representation reflective of such areas as education, finance, real estate, law, construction, engineering or other design professions. Members shall have no other official position in, or connection with, the city. Each member so appointed shall, upon taking office, take the oath prescribed for officers elected in the city. If any vacancy occurs, the person appointed to fill the same shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which the person was appointed.

Transition rule: Current commissioners as of July 1, 2017 shall be allowed to serve out their terms so long as death, disability or conduct does not result in removal from office. In order to assign a seat to the Mayor and each Council Member the following transition plan shall be in place:

1st Ward – Open for immediate appointment; term ends 4/30/2023

2nd Ward – Open for immediate appointment; term ends 4/30/2023

3rd Ward – Patrick Walton (3rd Ward Resident); term ends 4/30/2022

Vice-Chairperson

4th Ward – Open for immediate appointment; term ends 4/30/2021

5th Ward – Karl Rhomberg (5th Ward Resident); term ends 4/30/2020

Secretary

6th Ward – Bill Ashton (6th Ward Resident); term ends 4/30/2020

7th Ward – Open for immediate appointment; term ends 4/30/2021

8th Ward – Open for immediate appointment; term ends 4/30/2019

At Large – Mike Veal (6th Ward Resident); term ends 4/30/2018

At Large – Shelley Chambers (6th Ward Resident); term ends 4/30/2018

Mayor – Frank Clark (6th Ward Resident); term ends 4/30/2022

From April 2018 onward, if only one of the Aldermen at Large has not appointed a then serving commissioner, that Alderman at Large shall have the privilege of appointment; otherwise, the Alderman at Large who is the top vote recipient of the two at the last city election shall have the appointment privilege.

2.62.030 Purpose.

The Mississippi Riverfront is one of Davenport's most important resources. The Riverfront Improvement Commission improves the riverfront through stewardship,

collaboration, innovative planning, thoughtful development, and sound management.

2.62.070 Riverfront defined - Jurisdiction.

As provided in this chapter, the riverfront improvement commission shall have responsibility, supervision and control of territory included within the limits of the city and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the east city limits and the centerline of the Mississippi River (Iowa-Illinois boundary); thence northerly along the east city limits (extension of Fernwood Avenue) to the intersection with the centerline of East River Drive, then in a generally westerly direction along the centerline of East River Drive and West River Drive to the intersection of West River Drive to the intersection of West River Drive with the centerline of the Soo Line Railroad (immediately west of Blackhawk Creek), thence in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of the Soo Line Railroad to the intersection with the west city limits (Utah Avenue); thence in a southerly direction to the intersection of the extension of the west city limits with the centerline of the Mississippi River, thence upstream along the centerline of the Mississippi River (Iowa-Illinois boundary) to the point of beginning.