Appointed Commission, Committee, and Board <u>Member Attendance Policy</u>

The City Council, at its July 15, 1996, August 4, 1997 and August 20, 2007 meetings, adopted motions amending the original policy adopted October 3, 1994, regarding attendance, absences, and excused absences for City Council appointed commissions, committee, and board members:

1. If a member of a board or commission is absent from three regularly scheduled meetings of such board or commission, consecutively, or is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, or ceases to be a qualified elector of the City, the office shall become vacant and shall be declared by the City Council.

2. A commission, committee, or board member shall be required to attend 70 percent of scheduled meetings during a fiscal year. When attending other City of Merced business meetings and subcommittee meetings as a Board representative, absence shall be recorded as being present at the meeting.

3. Excused absences shall be recognized for illness, family emergencies, and business conflicts.

4. Department Heads or staff liaisons to appointed commissions, committees, or boards shall monitor attendance requirements for non-compliance. Upon notification of such non-compliance, the City Clerk may submit a recommendation to the City Council for appropriate action.

5. The City Clerk shall prepare a report annually to the City Council of an attendance report for every commission, committee, and board. The report shall include number of meetings attended, meetings missed (excused or unexcused), and a delineation of three consecutive absences or less than 70 percent attendance.

6. Prior to the annual report being submitted for City Council review, the City Clerk shall provide the report to each committee/board/commission for review and comment. Staff shall notify those Committee Members whose attendance is below 70 percent of the need for improvement.

7. The City Council may remove those commission, committee, or board members who do not meet the requirement of appointment.

8. All applicants for commissions, committees, and boards shall be notified prior to City Council appointment regarding time requirements for serving and the policy regarding removal.