

ORS 294.414 Budget committee. (1) Except as provided in ORS 294.423, the governing body of each municipal corporation shall establish a budget committee in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) The budget committee shall consist of the members of the governing body and a number, equal to the number of members of the governing body, of electors of the municipal corporation appointed by the governing body; if there are electors fewer than the number required, the governing body and the electors who are willing to serve shall be the budget committee; and if there are no electors willing to serve, the governing body shall be the budget committee.

(3) The members of the budget committee shall receive no compensation for their services as members of such committee.

(4) Appointive members of the budget committee may not be officers, agents or employees of the municipal corporation.

(5) Appointive members of a budget committee that prepares an annual budget shall be appointed for terms of three years. The terms shall be staggered so that, as near as practicable, one-third of the terms of the appointive members end each year.

(6) Appointive members of a budget committee that prepares a biennial budget shall be appointed for terms of four years. The terms shall be staggered so that, as near as practicable, one-fourth of the terms of the appointive members end each year.

(7) If any appointive member is unable to serve the term for which the member was appointed, or an appointive member resigns prior to completion of the term for which the member was appointed, the governing body of the municipal corporation shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term.

(8) If the number of members of the governing body is reduced or increased by law or charter amendment, the governing body of the municipal corporation shall reduce or increase the number of appointive members of the budget committee so that the number thereof shall be equal to but not greater than the number of members of the governing body. To effect a reduction, the governing body of the municipal corporation may remove such number of appointive members as may be necessary. The removals shall be made so that the number remaining will be divided into three, if the terms of the appointive members are governed by subsection (5) of this section, or four, if the terms of the appointive members are governed by subsection (6) of this section, equal or approximately equal groups as to terms. In case of an increase, additional appointive members shall be appointed for such terms so that they, together with the members previously appointed, will be divided into three or four, as appropriate under this section, equal or approximately equal groups as to terms.

(9) The budget committee shall at its first meeting after its appointment elect a presiding officer from among its members. [Formerly 294.336]