

B. BOARD AND COMMISSION ORIGINS

Boards and commissions originate from four different sources: the Charter, the City Code of Ordinances, Mayor/Commissioner action, vote of the people, and federal or state mandate. In a few instances, the City Commission may appoint citizens to represent Oregon City on regional committees.

- **Charter**

The present Charter was first adopted in 1880 to provide for the government of the City of Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon. Chapter III, Section 6; Powers of the City shall be vested in the Commission. The Commission shall consist of the Mayor, and four commissioners, elected from the city at large (Chapter III, section 7).

- **Federal and State Mandate**

Certain boards, commissions, and committees are required by federal or state law. In such cases the purposes and duties are specified by federal or state law, and appointments are made either by the Mayor and/or City Commission in accordance with the Oregon City Municipal Code. Examples of these mandates are the Planning Commission and Urban Renewal Commission.

- **Miscellaneous**

There are several advisory bodies not usually created by the City Commission to which the City Commission may appoint only one or two members. The remainder are appointed by other agencies. Usually these advisory bodies are county-wide or regional in nature. Appointees may be Commission members, staff members or citizens. This category includes, but is not limited to: Tateshina Sister City Committee and South Fork Water Board.