

**Chapter 266**  
**Board of Harbor Commissioners**

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Municipal navigational facilities - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 281.541 et seq.
Marine Safety Act - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 281.1002 et seq.
Harbor Development Act - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 281.1251 et seq.
Watercraft - see TRAF. Ch. 450
River, lake and harbor regulations - see GEN. OFF. Ch. 670
Marina operation - see S.U. & P.S. 1062.05
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**266.01 ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION; COMPENSATION; TERMS; CITY MANAGER AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER; ORGANIZATION**

- A. There is hereby established the City of Manistee Harbor Commission.
- B. The City of Manistee Harbor Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by City Council for three (3) year terms, without compensation.
- C. The City Manager shall serve as a non-voting Ex-Officio member of the Harbor Commission.
- D. The Harbor Master shall serve as a voting member of the Harbor Commission.
- E. The Harbor Commission shall meet annually to select the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary and other such officers it may deem advisable.
- F. The City Council shall appoint a Harbor Master pursuant to MCL 324.79302.  
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**266.02 POWERS AND AUTHORITY**

- A. The Chair of the Commission shall be a resident of the City of Manistee.
- B. The other members of the Commission shall represent a cross section of the resident population of the City of Manistee, two (2) of who may be nonresidents of the city but whom:

1. Owns real estate within the City.
  2. Owns a business or is a licensed professional located within the City and whose business/profession is directly related to boating or Harbor Commission areas.
- C. A quorum to conduct business shall consist of a majority of the Commission, including the Chair.
- D. Meetings of the Commission shall be governed by the Michigan Open Meetings Act.
- E. The Commission shall keep minutes and records of its meetings and activities and the same shall be subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.
- F. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly during each year, and more frequently as needed. The date and time of each meeting will, where practicable be agreed upon by the consensus of the Commission members and such City staff as may be assigned to meet with the Commission. Notice of each meeting will be posted as required by law.

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### **266.03 PURPOSE AND DUTIES**

- A. The purpose of the Commission shall be to advise the City Council, City Departments and City Boards and Commissions on matters pertaining to the orderly development and maintenance of the City Marina and City boat launches; and identifying and planning City Marina and boat launch projects.
- B. The responsibility and duties of the City of Manistee Harbor Commission shall include:
1. Establish bylaws with consent of the City Council.
  2. Make recommendations to City Council and City Departments about the operation, maintenance and policies of the City Marina and City operated boat launches.
  3. Review and make recommendations on all significant City Marina and City boat launch improvement projects.
  4. To recommend to City Council and City Departments on the acquisition of such additional waterfront property, wharves and docks.
  5. To study and make recommendations to City Council and City Departments on the use of waterways, channels, municipal docks or other navigational facilities which are under the control of the city.
  6. To recommend to City Council and City Departments the adoption by the City of such ordinances or rules as public safety may require with respect to safety of boats and ships in the navigable waters under the jurisdiction of the City of Manistee.
  7. Provide an annual report to City Council on the progress of the Harbor Commission and its projects and to seek Council approval for public projects.

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