

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Ordinance No. 277

An ordinance establishing a parks commission in Multnomah County, to be known as the Multnomah County Parks Commission, providing for appointment of Commission members, officers, and committees; designating the purpose and duties of the Commission.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Policy.

A. The Board of County Commissioners finds that there is a need to develop both short-term and long-range objectives, strategies, work programs, and projects designed to:

1. Maintain and operate a significant parks program in Multnomah County;
2. Coordinate development, maintenance, acquisition, disposal and/or consolidation of resources and open lands for public use as parks;
3. Coordinate ongoing park development with unincorporated areas and cities within the County and with neighboring counties;
4. Develop incentives to encourage the private development of parks;
5. Encourage and develop new sources of revenue support for parks so as to reduce dependence on the County general

fund.

6. Maximize the positive impacts of park development;
7. Coordinate park development with land use and other planning undertaken by the County;
8. Develop policies which encourage citizen participation in the planning, development, and maintenance of county parks.

B. The Board of County Commissioners further finds that it is desirable to establish an advisory commission pursuant to Chapter 3.70 of the Multnomah County Charter to assist in and promote the development of the objectives and projects set forth above.

C. The Board further finds that it is desirable for the Commission to be established for a minimum period of five (5) years to ensure continuity and a coordinated approach to the planning, development and maintenance of County parks.

D. The Board further finds that it is desirable that the appointments be made in keeping with the County's commitment to affirmative action.

Section 2. Definitions.

A. As used in this ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined:

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| 1. Executive: | County Executive, Multnomah County, Oregon. |
| 2. Board: | Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon. |
| 3. Commission: | Multnomah County Parks Commission. |

4. Neighborhood Parks: Under 20 acres in size. Draw from five block radius.
- Community Parks: 20 to 100 acres in size. Draw from an area up to a one mile radius or short driving distances.

Section 3. Parks Commission Established.

The Commission is hereby established and it shall have the purpose and duties described in this ordinance.

Section 4. Membership.

A. The Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) members who shall be appointed pursuant to the Charter of Multnomah County to fill designated positions numbered one (1) through fifteen (15).

1. The Commission shall consist of five (5) members who shall be residents of Multnomah County appointed at large; and
2. Ten (10) members, eight (8) who shall be residents of the unincorporated mid-County area; and two (2) who shall be residents of the unincorporated west County area.

B. Members of the Commission shall be, and remain during their terms, residents of Multnomah County, and shall serve without compensation except for reimbursement for duly authorized expenses.

Section 5. Powers and Duties.

A. The Commission shall:

1. Address objectives necessary for the County to meet eligibility criteria for receipt of federal assistance

from the U.S. Department of Interior, pursuant to the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, Public Law 95-625, Title X, including but not limited to increasing public participation, local support and coordination of parks development with other urban revitalization programs.

2. Develop a long-range master park plan for Multnomah County to be recommended to the Board for adoption; specifically, to:
 - a. Identify and inventory existing open lands suitable for parks development in the County;
 - b. Assess and evaluate the park needs of the County to meet future demands in the area;
 - c. Formulate and implement strategies for neighborhood, community;
 - d. Coordinate master plan park development with the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
3. Work with the Oregon Parks Foundation to promote park development in Multnomah County.
4. Be authorized to raise funds for park purposes as best serves the goal of the Commission and the parks master plan. All funds raised and revenues generated by the Commission shall be dedicated to the development, operation and maintenance of parks.

5. Be authorized to carry on such other activities, suitable to an advisory commission, as may be incidental to or will assist in the accomplishment of the above purposes and the furtherance of the objectives set forth in Section 1.

B. Reports and recommendations made by the Commission shall be submitted to the Board for its approval and/or adoption:

Section 6. Terms of Office.

A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, terms of office of Commission members shall be one year for positions 1, 3, 5, 7, 9; and two years for positions 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15; and terms continuing until a successor is appointed and approved.

B. The terms of the initial members of the Commission shall expire on December 31st of the following years.

<u>Position No.</u>	<u>Expiration Year</u>	<u>Position No.</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
1	1982	9	1982
2	1983	10	1983
3	1982	11	1983
4	1983	12	1983
5	1982	13	1983
6	1983	14	1983
7	1982	15	1983
8	1983		

C. No Commission member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, excluding completion of an unexpired term, unless otherwise provided by two-thirds majority of the Board.

Section 7. Vacancies and Removals.

Upon resignation or disqualification of any member of the Commission, a successor shall be appointed to fill the remainder of the term, pursuant to the County Charter.

Section 8. Officers.

At its third meeting, the Commission shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and other officers deemed necessary. Thereafter, such officers shall be elected at or before the Commission's first meeting in each year.

Section 9. Committees.

A. The Chairperson of the Commission may establish and appoint from the Commission, such advisory and/or decision-making committees as are deemed appropriate or as directed by the Board.

B. The administration at the request of the County Executive will advise and assist the commission within the financial and personnel resources available.

Section 10. Quorum and Voting.

A. Eight members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

B. The Commission and its committees shall act by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting, excluding members present but abstaining.

C. Reports and recommendations adopted by the Commission shall be adopted by Resolution, signed by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, or their designated member substitute, and filed with

the Clerk of the Board.

D. The Commission may adopt rules of procedure to regulate the conduct of meetings; in absence of such rules, proceedings of the Commission shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Revised, William Morrow and Company (1971).

Section 11. Meetings, Notices.

A. The Commission shall hold at least 12 meetings per calendar year and may hold such other meetings as are necessary to perform its functions.

B. Before any meeting of the Commission, notice shall be given as required by law.

C. The Commission may continue any proceeding, and a proceeding continued to a date certain requires no additional notice unless such notice is required by law or is ordered by the Commission.

Section 12. Sunset Clause.

Said Park Commission shall exist for the period of five (5) years, beginning September 12, 1981, and ending September 11, 1986.

Section 13. Savings Clause.

In the event any subsection, subdivision, phrase, clause, sentence or word in this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate the remainder of this ordinance, but shall be confined to the subsection, subdivision, phrase, clause, sentence, or

word held invalid or unconstitutional.

ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 1981, being
the date of its second reading before the Board of County
Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon.

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By

Alfred McCay
Presiding Officer

AUTHENTICATED by the County Executive on the 17th day of
August, 1981.

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