

ORDINANCE NO. 241

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, CREATING A BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, DEFINING THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES, REQUIRING A BUDGET AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS MADE BY SAID BOARD, DECLARING A VIOLATION OF ANY SUCH RULE OR REGULATION TO BE A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING PENALTIES AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Granite Falls, Washington:

Section 1: Definition. Words used shall have the following meaning: "Park" means an area of land, with or without water, developed and used for public recreational purposes, including landscaped tracts, picnic grounds, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation centers, camps, foot, bicycle and bridle paths, motor vehicle drives, wild life sanctuaries, museums, zoological and botanical gardens, facilities or bathing, boating, hunting and fishing, as well as other recreational facilities for the use and benefit of the public. "Board" means Board of Park Commissioners.

Section 2: Creation of Board of Park Commissioners and Eligibility. There is hereby created a Board of Park Commissioners, consisting of three members who shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Town Council, from citizens of recognized fitness for such positions who reside in this Town. No Commissioner shall receive any compensation for his services.

Section 3: Terms of Commissioners; Filling Vacancies. The first Commissioners appointed shall determine by lot whose term of office shall expire in one, two and three years respectively, and their terms shall begin after their appointment by the Mayor, approval by the Council and upon taking the usual oath of qualification. The term of office, except the first, shall begin on the first Monday in June and at the time of expiration of each commissioners term, the Mayor shall appoint, with the consent of the Town Council, one member for a three year term. Members of the Board may be removed at any time by the Mayor, and vacancies for the remainder of unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointments are made.

Section 4: Officers of the Board; Meetings; Quorum.

Immediately after their appointment, members of the Board shall meet and organize by electing from the members of the Board, a President, a Secretary and such other officers as may be necessary. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Secretary to keep minutes of all meetings and of all proceedings of the Board. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and two affirmative votes shall be necessary to carry any proposition. A meeting of the Board shall be held at least once a month.

Section 5: Powers and Duties of Board.

The Board thus constituted shall have all the powers and perform all the duties as provided by the laws of the State of Washington relating to Boards of Park Commissioners of municipalities of the Fourth Class (Towns). The Board shall have the power to conduct any form of cultural or recreational activity that will employ the leisure time of the people in a constructive and wholesome manner, and shall control and have supervision of all parks belonging to said Town, and may plan, promote, manage and acquire, construct, develop, maintain, and operate either within or without the Town limits, parks, squares, parkways and boulevards, play and recreational grounds and/or other municipally owned recreation facilities, including community buildings and improve and ornament the same; enter into contracting writing, acting independently or in conjunction with the United States, the State of Washington, any county, city or town, park district, school district or any such public organizations for the purpose of conducting a recreation program or exercising any other power granted by this ordinance; exercise censorship over any statuary, monuments or works of art presented to the Town. The Board may also solicit or receive on behalf of the Town Council any gifts or bequests of money or other personal property or any donation to be applied, principal or income, for either temporary or permanent use for playgrounds, parks or other recreational purposes. Powers of said Board shall include the authority to grant concessions and privileges herein under such restrictions and for such compensation as it shall prescribe, the revenue from which shall be used for park purposes. Provided that no concession or privilege shall ever be granted for the sale of any intoxicating liquors, beer, and/or wine in any public park, and that no concession or privilege shall be granted for a period of more than three years unless approved by ordinance. The Board shall have no power to acquire land or property without the approval of the Town Council, and any property shall be in the name of the Town.

Section 6: Rules and Regulations. The Board shall have power to make rules and regulations for the government and management thereof; including the power to fix charges for the use of any municipally owned or controlled park or recreation facility. All rules and regulations and use charges and amendments and changes adopted by the Board shall be promulgated by one publication in a newspaper published in the Town or in case no newspaper is published in such town; they shall be posted in at least three public places therein. These rules and regulations shall have full force and effect from and after the date of said publication. This ordinance and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto shall be enforced by the police department of the Town. Violation of rules and regulations so adopted shall be a violation of this ordinance.

Section 7: Appointment and Duties of Superintendent. The Mayor shall have the power to appoint a superintendent who is the best trained and qualified person available therefor. The park superintendent, under direction of the Board, shall have the management of the park and playground system and the appointment and supervision of employees thereof for the efficient administration, construction, and development of the public park and recreation system. Such superintendent may be Executive Officer of the Board and shall have powers and duties as prescribed by the Board, and such other powers and duties as may from time to time be imposed or conferred upon him by law or by ordinance.

Section 8: Park Budget: Annually the Board shall submit a budget to the governing body of the Town on or before the second Monday in August for its approval.

Section 9: Penalties. The violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

Section 10: Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by the Mayor, attested by the Clerk and after it has been posted in three public places in the Town.

Section 11: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed by the Council the 25th day of June 1969.
Approved the 9th day of July 1969.

JACK WEBB, Mayor

ATTEST:
Ilene Larson
Town Clerk