

CITY OF GRANTIE FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 613

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, CREATING A BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, DEFINING THEIR DUTIES, AND REQUIRING A BUDGET AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

Section 1. Definitions. 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 facilities, recreation centers, camps, foot, bicycle and bridal paths, motor vehicle drives, wildlife sanctuaries, museums, zoological and botanical gardens, facilities for 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. Created -- Member. There is created a board of park commissioners consisting of four members who shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, from citizens of recognized fitness for such positions who reside in the Granite Falls area. No commission shall receive any compensation for his service. One City Councilmember shall serve on the board as the representative of the City Council and shall have voting privileges.

Section 3. Terms -- Vacancies. The first commissioners appointed shall determine by lot whose term of office shall expire in one, two and three years respectively, and their term shall begin after their appointment by the Mayor and approval by the Council. The term of office, except the first, shall begin on the first Monday in June and at the time of expiration of each commissioner's term, the Mayor shall appoint, with the consent of the Council, two members for a three year term, one member for a two year term and one member for a one 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. Meetings – Quorum. Immediately after their appointment, members of the board shall meet and organize by electing from the members of the board, a chairperson, a secretary, and such other officers as may be necessary. It shall be the duty of the chairperson 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 majority takes precedence. A meeting of the board shall be held a minimum of eight times per calendar year.

Section 5. Duties of the Park Board. The Board shall be an advisory board to the City Council. The Board shall have the duty to make recommendations and report to the City Council. The Board is responsible to oversee and report to the Council regarding all cultural or recreational activity that will employ the leisure time of the people in a constructive and wholesome manner, including but not limited to all parks, play and recreational grounds, recreation facilities, ball fields, community buildings, and community events. The Board shall review, oversee, report and make recommendations to the Council regarding all aspects of planning, promoting, operating, managing, maintaining, improving developing, constructing, and acquiring City property, structures, equipment, activities, and events relating to cultural, recreational or "park" purposes, specifically including, grant applications, donations, and the setting of fees, rules and regulations.

Section 6. Park Budget. Annually the Board shall submit a budget to the governing body of the City on or before the second Monday in August for its review.

Section 7. 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 published as according to law.

Section 8. All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

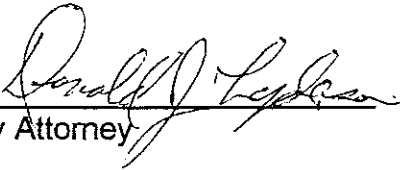
Approved by this City Council this 27 day of October, 1999.

Gella Morris  
MAYOR

Attest:

Berry James  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

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