

ORDINANCE No. 176002

* Create City of Portland Parks and Recreation Board (Ordinance, enact City Code Chapter 3.27).

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The City of Portland has a long and proud tradition of providing its citizens with an outstanding park system.
2. Portland Parks & Recreation recently completed its Parks 2020 Vision process, in which a team of PP&R staff and private citizens spent two years developing a vision for Portland Parks & Recreation over the next twenty years.
3. One of the recommendations of the Parks 2020 Vision is for the Council to establish an advisory Parks and Recreation board, comprised of people interested in and knowledgeable about parks, to bring an informed citizen perspective to park and recreation issues.
4. A Parks and Recreation Board should: act as keeper of the vision, to ensure that the vision and recommendations of the Parks 2020 Vision are at the forefront of discussions about park and recreation issues and trends over time, in all areas of the city; advocate for parks on a city and regional basis to ensure that parks, natural areas, open spaces and recreation facilities are advanced in city and regional planning and design; provide continuity when transitions occur in the leadership of Portland Parks & Recreation and on the Council; and provide a forum for public discussion and decision-making about park issues, bringing a city-wide and long-term perspective to neighborhood-based issues.
5. It is in the public interest to create a Parks and Recreation Board, composed of qualified and committed private individuals to provide such vision, advocacy, continuity and forum.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. Chapter 3.27, City of Portland Parks and Recreation board, in the form attached as Exhibit A to this Ordinance, is hereby adopted and made part of the Code of the City of Portland, Oregon.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists in order to avoid undue delay in the appointment of interested and qualified board members, in order to take advantage of the momentum created by the Parks 2020 Vision process, and in order to get public input and advice on issues critical to Portland Parks & Recreation and to the Council; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: October 10, 2001

Commissioner Jim Francesconi
Harry Auerbach:ha
September 26, 2001

Gary Blackmer
Auditor of the City of Portland