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24.01 PARK BOARD CREATED. There shall be a Board of Park Commissioners for the City, consisting of three (3) citizens of legal age.

24.02 APPOINTMENT; TERM. Park Commissioners shall be appointed by the Council for overlapping terms of three (3) years. Regular terms shall commence on January 1.

24.03 ORGANIZATION. Within ten (10) days following January 1, the Board shall elect one of its members as Chairperson and one as Secretary.

24.04 TREASURER. The City Administrator is the Treasurer of the Board and shall pay out all moneys under the control of the Board on orders signed by the Chairperson and Secretary, but shall receive no compensation for such services as Treasurer.

24.05 COMPENSATION. The compensation for each Park Commissioner is fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each commission meeting attended, not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per year. *(Ord. 07-04 – Mar. 08 Supp.)*

24.06 BUDGET CERTIFIED. Each year the Board shall submit to the Council a proposed budget and tax levy for general park purposes for the ensuing fiscal year. The Council shall include such tax levy, or so much thereof as it may deem necessary, in the levy for the General Fund of the City as certified to the County Auditor.

24.07 RECORDS AND REPORTS. The Board shall keep a record of all its transactions and proceedings and submit a detailed annual report to the Council no later than August 1 of each year of the amounts of money expended and the purposes for which used.

24.08 JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY. The Board shall have control of all parks and pleasure grounds acquired by it or of any other ground owned

by the City and set apart for like purposes within or without the City. All ordinances of the City shall be in full force and effect in and over the territory occupied by such parks.

24.09 POLES AND WIRES. The Board may regulate or forbid the erection of poles or the stretching of wire for electric light or other corporations or persons in such parks or in or along streets or highways or over public places laid out or controlled by it.

24.10 ACQUISITION OF LAND. The Board may acquire real estate within or without the City for park purposes by donation, lease, purchase or condemnation, take the title to real estate in the name of the City in trust for the public and hold it exempt from taxation.

24.11 SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY. The Board may sell, exchange or lease any real estate acquired by it which in its discretion is unfit, not desirable, unnecessary or not required for park purposes.

24.12 LIMITED LEASES. The Board may lease under reasonable rates and requirements a particular park or portion thereof:

1. For a period not in excess of ten (10) days to charitable, fraternal and patriotic organizations for the conduct of celebrations, anniversaries and entertainment;
2. For such time or times, not to exceed six (6) consecutive months, for the purpose of permitting the playing of professional baseball or other professional games.

24.13 RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Board have the power to make rules and regulations for the use of parks or other facilities under its control; such rules shall be posted on the facility or otherwise publicized in a manner to provide adequate notice to the public.

24.14 PENALTIES. Any person who violates a Board rule or regulation which has been approved by the Council and adopted by ordinance may be subject to the penalties provided for in the ordinance adopting the rule or regulation.

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