

ORDINANCE NO. 124

AN ORDINANCE, creating and establishing a Municipal Park and Recreational Department for the City of Bellevue; providing for a Director and prescribing the powers and duties thereof.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Park and Recreational Department, Creation of.

For the purpose of providing for the proper maintenance and operation of public parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities belonging to, or operated in whole or in part by, the city of Bellevue, and providing for the execution of City Ordinances and Resolutions regarding the acquisition of land, structures and other facilities for the park and recreational program of the city, there is established a department of said city to be known as the Municipal Park and Recreational Department, hereinafter called "the Department", whose function it shall be to administer the park and recreational program of the city.

Section 2. Director.

The functions of the Department shall be executed under the supervision and control of a Park Director. Such Director shall be appointed by the City Manager for an indefinite term. The City Manager shall designate the number of employees of the Department and, subject to any Civil Service Regulations adopted by the City Council and then in force, the City Manager may remove the Director or any employees of the Department.

Section 3. Qualifications of Office.

The City Council may prescribe regulations from time to time, determining the qualifications for the office of the Director and prescribing additional powers and duties.

Section 4. Powers and Duties.

The Director shall have such powers as the City Manager or the City Council shall prescribe from those authorized by the laws of the State of Washington relating to parks or recreational facilities and, within the limits of the funds and purposes prescribed by any ordinance, shall have the power to conduct any form of recreational or cultural activity that will employ the leisure time of the public in a constructive and wholesome manner. Without limiting the generalities of the foregoing powers, and by way of illustration only, the Director shall have the power:

- (a) To control and supervise all parks, public squares, parkways and boulevards, play and recreation grounds or other municipally owned recreational facilities.
- (b) To plan, promote and recommend the acquisition, construction, development, maintenance or operation of such public parks, places, parkways or recreation grounds and facilities.
- (c) When authorized by Resolution of the City Council, to contract in writing, acting independently or in conjunction with instrumentalities of the United States, the State of Washington, King County or adjacent city or town, park district, school district, or any public organization for the purpose of acquiring a public

recreation facility or conducting a recreational program, and exercising any other power authorized by Ordinance of the City of Bellevue.

- (d) To exercise censorship over any statuary monuments or works of art to be displayed in public parks or recreational facilities.
- (e) To solicit and receive on behalf of the City Council, any gifts or bequests or other personal property to be applied for playgrounds, parks or recreational purposes.
- (f) To grant concessions and privileges in public parks, under such restrictions and for such compensation as may be prescribed, subject to approval by Resolution of the City Council, provided that no concession or privilege shall ever be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors, beer or wine, in any city park and no concession or privilege shall be granted for more than three (3) years, unless approved by Ordinance.

Section 5. Acquisition of Land. The Department shall have no power to acquire or improve land for park purposes, or to accept gifts of real or personal property without approval of the City Council and any property so acquired shall be taken in the name of the city.

Section 6. Rules and Regulations. The Director shall have power to make rules and regulations, with the advice and consent of the City Manager, and not inconsistent with state law or city ordinances, for the government and management thereof, including the power to fix charges for the use of any municipally owned or controlled park or recreational facility. All rules and regulations and use charges and amendments and changes adopted by the Department shall be promulgated by one publication in the official newspaper of the city, and a copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the city clerk. Such 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 city. Violation of rules and regulations so adopted shall be a violation of this ordinance.

Section 7. Budget. The Director shall submit to the City Manager each year, on or before the second Monday in August, an estimate of the amount of money required by the Department to carry on its activities for the ensuing year, together with his recommendations for the development of the program and facilities for the future, for the information and guidance of the City Council in preparing the budget for the tax levy and for the operation and maintenance of the city parks and recreational program and for expansion of facilities and acquisition of land and structures needed therefor.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, approval and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council on this 18th day of October,
1955, and signed in authentication thereof this 18th day of October, 1955.

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Mayor

W. H. Price
Councilman

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Approved as to Form:

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Attest:

Jean P. Ashler
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CITY OF BELLEVUE
DATE Oct 19, 1955
CITY CLERK Jean P. Ashler

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