

ORDINANCE NO. 58

AN ORDINANCE relating to parks, and recreational facilities, creating a Board of Park Commissioners, defining their powers and duties.

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

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 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. 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 majority of the city council, from citizens of recognized fitness for such positions who reside in this city. 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 shall expire in one, two and three years respectively, and their terms shall begin after their appointment has been approved by the city council, and upon taking the usual oath of qualification. The terms of office, except the first, shall begin on the first Monday in June, and, at the expiration of each commissioner's term, the mayor shall appoint, with the consent of the city council, one member for a three-year term. Members of the Board may be removed at any time by the mayor, with the approval of 5 members of the council, and vacancies for the remainder of unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner in which original appointments are made.

Section 4. Officers of 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. The Powers and Duties of Board. The Board shall advise the city council regarding the expansion and operation of the city parks and recreational facilities and programs, but shall have no administrative or supervisory powers not available to the council. The Board shall have the power to advise regarding the establishment of a park and/or recreation department, hereinafter called "the department", and regarding the employment of necessary personnel, and to advise regarding conduct of any form of recreation or cultural activity that will employ the leisure time of the people in a constructive and wholesome manner, and shall advise regarding control and supervision of all

parks belonging to said city, and advise regarding planning, promotion, management and acquisition, construction, development, maintenance, and operation, including restrictions on, and compensation to be paid for, concessions or privileges in parks and/or playgrounds, either within or without the city limits, of parks, squares, parkways and boulevards, play and recreation grounds, and/or other municipally owned recreational facilities, including community buildings, and improvement and ornamentation of the same; make recommendations regarding entering into written contracts 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 recreational program or exercising any other power granted by this ordinance.

Section 6. Recommended Budget: The Board shall submit to the city council each year, on or before the second Monday in August, an estimate of the amount of money recommended for the department to carry on its activities for the ensuing year, together with recommendations for the development of the program and facilities as it may deem advisable, for the information and guidance of the city council in preparing the budget for the tax levy, for the operation and maintenance of the city parks and the recreational program and necessary facilities and the acquisition of land, structures, or facilities needed therefor.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED by the City Council on the 4 day of May, 1954, and signed in authentication of its passage this 4 day of May, 1954.

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Mayor
Mark D. Frone
Councilman
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Approved as to form:
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CITY OF BELLEVUE
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CITY CLERK Alexander P. Miller

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