ORDINANCE NO. 1908

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, creating a Board of Park Commissioners, establishing the numbers of Commissioners and their terms of office, providing for appointments to and removal from the Board, describing the powers and duties of the Board, and repealing Ordinance 1568.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Board of Park Commissioners, consisting of five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the majority of the City Council. Ex Officio members of the Board may be appointed by the Chairman with majority approval and shall include the Park and Recreation Director.

Section 2. To be eligible for appointment to or service on the Board, a person must live within the City of Kent or Kent School District. The term of office of the first two (2) Commissioners appointed following the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire June 1, 1976; the terms of office of the second two (2) Commissioners appointed following the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire June 1, 1977; the term of office of the final Commissioner appointed after the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire June 1, 1978. After the effective date of this Ordinance when a vacancy occurs on the Board, appointment for that position shall be for three (3) years, or for the remainder of the unexpired term, whichever is the shorter period of time. Members of the Board may be dismissed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, for the reasons of neglect of duty, inefficiency or malfeasance in office.

Section 3. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation except that reimbursement for authorized travel expenses be made. Such reimbursement shall come from the part of the Park and Recreation Department annual budget designated for travel as authorized by City Council.
Section 4. OFFICERS. The regular meeting of the Board in June shall be the annual meeting of the Board at which elections of officers shall occur. Officers shall include a Chairman and Vice Chairman, and such other officers as may be necessary. Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business, and a majority of the quorum present shall be necessary to carry any proposition. A regular meeting of the Board shall be held at least once a month at a time and place established by the Board.

Section 5. POWERS AND DUTIES. The Board shall have the responsibility of keeping generally aware of the park and recreation needs of the City, and of interpreting community park and recreation needs to the Director. The Board shall advise the Council and Department regarding the functions of the Department. The Board shall recommend the goals and objectives of the Department and recommend the general policies to be followed in carrying out the Department's goals and objectives, in areas including, but not limited to: recreation programs, sports events, cultural activities, management and supervision of parks and facilities, acquisition and development of new parks, facilities and programs and rules and regulations.

Section 6. BUDGET. It shall be the responsibility of the Board to make recommendations to the Director and to the City Council regarding the Department annual budget, 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 operation and maintenance of properties and facilities under the management of the Department.

Section 7. With the approval of the City Council the Board shall have the power to acquire or improve land for park purposes or to accept gifts of real or personal property. Any property so acquired shall be taken in the name of the City.

Section 8. Ordinance 1568 be and the same hereby is repealed in its entirety.
Section 9. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force June 1, 1975.

ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD E. MIRK, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED the __ day of April, 1975.
APPROVED the __ day of April, 1975.
PUBLISHED the __ day of April, 1975.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. __, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK
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