ORDINANCE NO. 258

An ordinance of the city of Kent, providing for the appointment of a board of park commissioners, defining their powers and duties, creating a park fund, providing a source of revenue therefor, making it a misdemeanor to injure or destroy plants, trees, and shrubbery, and fixing a penalty for its infringement.

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

Section 1. Upon the taking effect of this ordinance and thereafter on the second Monday in January of each year, the mayor shall appoint a board of park commissioners consisting of three citizens of the City, who shall serve during the pleasure of the mayor, and without compensation.

Section 2. Such board shall have charge and control of the parks and parkways of the city, and shall have power to lay out, survey, plat, improve and beautify the same, and make any and all rules and regulations for the government and management of such parks and parkways and the use and occupation thereof by the public and by any and all persons whatsoever. It shall have power to negotiate with the owners of any lands that it may deem desirable for park purposes, looking to the purchase of the same by the city, and to recommend to the City Council, the purchase of suitable lands for park purposes.

It shall also have the power to receive and accept donations of land, property or funds from any source for the purpose of providing establishing and maintaining parks, and parkways for the city, but shall place all funds received, or realized from lands and property donated, or from any other source, in the treasury of the City to the credit of the Park Fund, which shall be disbursed only upon warrants properly drawn against the said fund, which disbursements shall be authorized by the City Council, upon the recommendation of the said board of Park Commissioners.

Section 3. There shall be and is hereby created in the treasury of the City a fund known as the "Park Fund", into which shall be converted all money and revenues raised therefor, and arising from the following sources:

1st. All moneys given or bequeathed to the City for park purposes
and all moneys derived from the sale of property devised or otherwise donated to the city for the purpose of establishing or maintaining parks or parkways.

2nd. All moneys derived from rents, leases and profits of parklands of whatsoever kind, or other public properties of the City, except public utilities.

3rd. Ten per cent of all fines, penalties and license moneys coming to the City.

4th. Such annual tax levy not to exceed one mill on the dollar as may be made by the city council.

Section 4. The said park board shall have the power of employing such workmen and landscape gardeners and engineers as shall be necessary in caring for developing and maintaining parks and parkways, consistent with the funds that shall be available for the payment for such service.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall be the secretary of the board of Park Commissioners and all records of the said board shall be kept at his office.

Section 6. The destruction or injury of any tree, shrub or plant of any kind in any park or parkway or parking strip, or the plucking of any flower or fruit of any kind upon such park, parkway or parking strip is declared to be a misdemeanor, and any person convicted thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars.

Passed by the City Council Apr. 3, 1911.
Approved by the mayor apr. 3, 1911.

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Mayor.

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City Clerk.