AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, creating the positions of Park Security Officers within the Maintenance Division of the Parks and Recreation Department; prescribing the powers and duties of the positions; authorizing the security officers to issue and serve parking citations and complaints; and providing for the filing of citations and complaints with the Clerk of the Court or Traffic Violation Bureau.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created within the Park and Recreation Department of the City of Kent positions designated as Park Security Officers.

Section 2. The Parks Security Officers shall be selected by and be under the supervision of the Director of Parks and Recreation Department and/or his or her designated representative.

Section 3. The persons filling the position of Parks Security Officer shall not be deemed to be a "law enforcement officer" as that term is used in the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Retirement System, nor shall the position be a classified position within the Civil Service system of the City of Kent.

Section 4. DUTIES. The duties of the Parks Security Officers shall include patrolling assigned areas of the City Parks to detect violation of the city’s parking and parks regulation, to issue citations to violators of parking regulations, to note and report unsafe and unsightly conditions within the parks, to perform crowd control during special parks events, to provide information and assistance to citizens, to appear in court to testify when so required, and to perform related work as assigned.
Section 5. POWERS. The city of Kent Chief of Police shall issue to Park Security Officers a limited law enforcement commission. The Parks Security Officers shall not have the power of arrest, but shall have authority to issue and serve citations and complaints for violation of City of Kent parking regulations; provided, that a copy of any such complaint shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court or Traffic Violations Bureau within 48 hours after its issuance.

Section 6. SALARY. The salary of the Parks Security Officers shall be that amount determined by the City Council for the balance of 1989 and that amount established in the annual City Budget for subsequent years. For the balance of the 1989 calendar year the monies to pay the salary shall come from the budget of the Parks and Recreation Department Maintenance Division, Park Security Program which was previously approved by the Kent City Council, and included within the 1989 Park and Recreation Department budget.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

DAN KELLEHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SANDRA DRISCOLL, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED the ___ day of ___, 1989.
APPROVED the ___ day of ___, 1989.
PUBLISHED the ___ day of ___, 1989.

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.

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MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK