

ORDINANCE No. 176201

* Refer to the voters a five-year local option tax levy for parks and recreation purposes (Ordinance; repeal Ordinance No. 176158)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The City of Portland, through Portland Parks and Recreation, has provided high quality parks and recreation services to the citizens of Portland for over 100 years, but increased population growth, overuse of parks facilities and funding limitations over the years have resulted in deterioration of the park system and its programs.
2. Over time, maintenance of park buildings, pools, play fields, neighborhood parks, natural areas and trails has not kept pace with increased demand and population growth. As well, funding limitations have resulted in reduced litter removal, restroom cleaning and reductions in summer playground programs for low-income youth have occurred in spite of increased need for safe, supervised programs for youth after school and in the summers.

More reductions in park and building maintenance and reductions in after-school and other recreational programs are anticipated in the FY 2002-03 budget process.

3. On July 12, 2001, the Council adopted the *2020 Parks Vision*, a plan developed through two years of citizen guidance, staff participation, numerous public outreach workshops and extensive research. The *2020 Parks Vision* looked at all aspects of the current park system and offered strategies to continue its successes, remedy its inadequacies and plan for future needs.

Specifically, the plan calls for more adequate funding to allow the park system to better respond to the challenges of increased usage, population growth and funding reductions over time.

4. The *Vision* calls for securing ongoing funding through a local option operating levy that would provide more adequate maintenance of parks and park buildings, provide after-school and summer programs for youth, and renovate the most deteriorated facilities.
5. A local option levy at a rate of \$0.39 per \$1,000 of Measure 50-assessed property will raise an average of approximately \$9.7 million per year over five years for parks and recreation purposes.
6. The levy will fund the projects described in Exhibit A.
7. The Director of Portland Parks and Recreation currently estimates that the additional ongoing cost of operating and maintaining the improved parks and

recreational facilities that will be funded by this levy will total \$790,000 per year, after subtracting the ongoing savings from renovations. This estimated O&M cost is not already included in the Parks budget, nor is it already in the five-year O&M set-aside that is part of the General Fund financial plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. An Act entitled “A Measure directing a five year local option ad valorem property tax levy within the City of Portland at a rate of \$0.39 per \$1,000 of Measure 50 assessed value, outside certain constitutional limitations, commencing in fiscal year 2002-03, for parks and recreation purposes,” be, and the same hereby is submitted to the legal voters of the City of Portland, Oregon, for their adoption or rejection at the general election in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Washington County, to be held on May 21, 2002. Each voter who votes upon said proposed measure shall vote “yes” or “no” in the space indicated for such vote on the City ballot at said election. This Act is attached as Exhibit B.
- b. The ballot language is attached as Exhibit C.
- c. The funds collected from the levy shall be placed in the Parks Local Option Levy Fund and shall be expended only for the following parks and recreation purposes:
 - ☐ Providing basic maintenance such as clean and open restrooms, litter removal, shrub bed and grounds maintenance, safety repairs to play equipment, replacement of outdated sprinklers and other maintenance functions;
 - ☐ Repairing, improving safety and continuing to maintain play fields and play structures;
 - ☐ Restoring and increasing safety, security and maintenance of the urban forest, recreational trails and natural areas;
 - ☐ Providing security measures for parks and park facilities;
 - ☐ Restoring and continuing to provide summer and after-school, recreation and tutoring programs for children;
 - ☐ Providing recreation programs and opportunities for seniors and people with disabilities;
 - ☐ Restoring parks and recreation services, programs and activities, funding for which the Council has reduced from its previously adopted budget for the 2001-02 fiscal year.
 - ☐ Restoring, operating, maintaining, renovating and improving parks and recreation facilities and programs;

- d. The levy will extend for a period of five years, and it is estimated that an average of \$9.7 million per year will be collected and spent for these purposes over the five-year period of the levy. The total amount to be spent over the five-year term of the levy is anticipated to be \$48.4 million.
 - e. The Council acknowledges the need to fund the ongoing operating and maintenance (O&M) cost of the improvements funded by this levy. The current estimate of the operating and maintenance cost is \$790,000 per year. Portland Parks and Recreation is directed to dedicate \$790,000 per year from the net levy proceeds to provide O&M funding during the first five years after each improvement is built. Portland Parks and Recreation is further directed to work with the Bureau of Financial Planning to refine these O&M estimates and to update the allocation of levy proceeds, if appropriate.
 - f. The Council accepts this O&M cost as a future General Fund responsibility after the first five years of levy funding for each improvement, with the General Fund responsibility beginning between the sixth and eleventh years after levy approval. The Bureau of Financial Planning is directed to incorporate the O&M costs into the General Fund financial forecast in the appropriate years, subject to annual review as projects are completed.
 - g. This ordinance repeals Ordinance 176158 adopted on December 19, 2001.
- Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists, because delay in referring this levy could jeopardize passage of the Measure; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: JAN 16 2002

Commissioner Jim Francesconi
Gordon Wilson:ns
January 7, 2002

Gary Blackmer
Auditor of the City of Portland
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Deputy

BACKING SHEET INFORMATION

AGENDA NO. 61-2002

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION/COUNCIL DOCUMENT NO. 176201

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
FRANCESCONI	X	
HALES	===	====
SALTZMAN	X	
STEN	X	
KATZ	X	