

ORDINANCE No. SUBSTITUTE

*Refer to the voters a five-year local option tax levy for parks and recreation purposes.
(Ordinance)

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.
2. 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.
3. *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 park and facility needs.
4. The objectives of the *Vision* are to (1) ensure Portland's park and recreation legacy for future generations; (2) provide a wide variety of high quality park and recreation services and opportunities for all residents; (3) support the historic partnership between parks and schools; (4) preserve, protect and restore Portland's natural resources to provide "nature in the city;" (5) create an interconnected regional and local system of trails, paths and walks to make Portland "the walking city of the West;" and (6) develop parks, recreation facilities and programs that promote community in the City.
5. The *Vision* calls for securing ongoing funding for maintenance and operations through a local option operating levy and securing more stable funding for needed capital improvements through a capital bond measure.
6. A local option levy that would restore and improve the maintenance of parks and park buildings, after-school and summer programs for youth and the investment in park facilities, would be the most appropriate first step in the implementation of the *2020 Vision* funding strategy.
7. 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.
8. It is anticipated that the levy will fund the projects described in Exhibit A.
9. The Director of Portland Parks and Recreation currently estimates that the additional ongoing cost of operating and maintaining the improved park 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 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.
- b. The City Attorney shall prepare the ballot title for the Measure.
- 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: restoring, expanding and providing summer and after-school programs for children; improving safety and maintenance of sports fields and play structures; operating, maintaining, expanding and improving parks and recreation facilities and programs; safety and maintenance of the urban forest, recreational trails and natural areas; providing security measures for parks and park facilities; providing recreation programs and opportunities for seniors and people with disabilities; providing basic maintenance such as clean and open restrooms, litter removal, shrub bed and grounds maintenance, safety checks on play equipment, replacement of outdated sprinklers and maintenance of off-leash areas for dogs; restoration of 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. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.

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: DEC 19 2001

Commissioner Jim Francesconi
Harry Auerbach:ha
December 19, 2001

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BACKING SHEET INFORMATION

AGENDA NO. S-1464-2001

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ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION/COUNCIL DOCUMENT NO. SUBSTITUTE

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