# **CITY OF ORTING**

# WASHINGTON

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1111**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ORTING, WASHINGTON AMENDING ORTING MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2, CHAPTER 5, RE-ESTABLISHING A PROJECT SPECIFIC CITIZENS PARKS ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ORTING PARKS ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Orting is a non-charter optional municipal code city as provided in Title 35A RCW, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orting recently established a Parks Advisory Board comprised of Councilmembers and citizen volunteers to make recommendations to the City Council about the improvement, maintenance and creation of the City's parks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to streamline and clarify the process by which they receive recommendations from citizens for the improvement, maintenance and creation of the City's parks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that these goals can be better served by a Parks Advisory Board that is solely comprised of citizen volunteers, who report to the City Council with recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered this Ordinance, and has determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or general welfare, and is in the best interest of the citizens of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORTING, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 2. OMC Title 2, Chapter 5 (Parks Advisory Board); Amended Orting Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 5, is hereby amended in the following form:

### Chapter 5

#### PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

2-5-1: CREATION

2-5-2: POWERS AND DUTIES

2-5-3: TERMS, VACANCY FILLING, REMOVAL

**2-5-4: MEETINGS** 

#### 2-5-1 Creation.

There is hereby created a project specific Parks Advisory Board to promote citizen participation and provide the City Council with citizen guidance on community views regarding policies relating to parks, playgrounds or other recreational facilities within the City. The council may establish project specific Parks Advisory Board by Resolution which outlines the specific scope of work that the Board will be advising on.

The Board shall consist of a minimum of five (5) citizens, one (1) of whom may be nonresident of the city, who shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council. No Board member shall receive any compensation for his/her services.

### 2-5-2 Powers and Duties.

The Parks Advisory Board shall assist the Mayor and the City Council in reviewing specific policies relating to parks, playgrounds or other recreational facilities, and shall make recommendations to the Mayor and Council based on the specific policy matter outlined in the enabling Resolution approved by the City Council.

# 2-5-3 Terms, Vacancy Filling, Removal.

The members on the Parks Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

A position shall become vacant within the period of appointment upon the death, resignation, removal, or change of residence outside the geographic area of appointment, if any, of a member of the Board. Any vacancies shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the appointment of the preceding members.

Three (3) consecutive non-excused absences from regular meetings shall constitute an automatic resignation. A member may request that an absence be excused either before or after the absence occurs. Any member of the Board may be removed by the council for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, and pursuant to general removal provisions enacted for boards and commissions.

### 2-5-4 Meetings.

The Parks Advisory Board shall meet as an ad hoc advisory board based on the enabling Resolution, and all meetings shall be properly noticed and open to the public in accordance with the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act. The city staff shall notify all Parks Advisory Board Members of any meeting called to conduct business. The members shall organize by the election of officers and the adoption of bylaws, as they deem necessary.

Draft summaries of each meeting shall be prepared by staff after each meeting, and transmitted to the City Clerk for submission to the Community and Government Affairs Committee. A representative of the Board, selected by the Board, shall provide an oral report to the Community and Government Affairs Committee of the City Council at its regular monthly meeting as needed or requested.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise

invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 4. Codification**. The City Council authorizes the City Clerk to correct any non-substantive errors herein, codify the above, and publish the amended code.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A GENERAL MEETING THEREOF ON THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2023.

CITY OF ORTING

Joshua Penner, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Approved as to form:

Charlotte A. Archer Inslee Best, PLLC City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk: Passed by the City Council: Date of Publication: Effective Date: