

City of St. Helens
ORDINANCE NO. 3289

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALL SECTIONS OF THE ST. HELENS
MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT A CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND TO REMOVE
REFERENCES TO THE NEWLY NAMED PARKS AND TRAILS
COMMISSION HAVING RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE RECREATION
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, at their January 9, 2023, meeting the St. Helens Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council that they change the name of the Commission back to the Parks and Trails Commission; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2023, the Council was in concurrence and instructed staff to bring back an ordinance that would amend the St. Helens Municipal Code to change the name of the Parks and Recreation Commission back to the Parks and Trails Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Any and all sections of the St. Helens Municipal Code that use the term "Parks and Recreation Commission" are amended to read "Parks and Trails Commission."

Section 2. Any and all sections of the St. Helens Municipal Code that use the term "Parks and Recreation Commissioner" are amended to read "Parks and Trails Commissioner."

Section 3. In addition to Sections 2 and 3 above, amend Section 2.74.020 Membership as follows:

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The parks and ~~recreation~~trails commission shall consist of 10 members, including one council member and nine at-large members. One of the 10 members shall be the member of the city council annually designated as parks and ~~recreation~~trails commission council liaison to the public works (including parks) department by the mayor. The council member shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the commission who seeks counsel of and consults with the parks and ~~recreation~~trails commission and may take part in their discussions. No less than six of the at-large members shall be residents of the city of St. Helens. At-large members are appointed by the mayor with the consent of the city council. Parks and ~~recreation~~trails commission membership is an unpaid voluntary appointed position and members shall receive no compensation for their service except for expenses specifically budgeted and authorized by the city council.

Section 5. In addition to Sections 2, 3, and 4 above, amend Section 2.74.090 Responsibilities, powers and duties as follows:

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The parks and ~~recreation~~trails commissioners shall have the responsibilities, obligations and duties of appointed public officers and the parks and ~~recreation~~trails commission shall have the responsibilities, obligations and duties of an advisory public body as provided for in laws of the state of Oregon and the laws of the city of St. Helens. The parks and ~~recreation~~trails commission shall have the power to act in an advisory capacity to the city council in all matters pertaining to the operation, planning, development, improvement, beautification, equipment and maintenance of public parks, trails, public bicycle and/or pedestrian ways, vacant park properties, public squares, ~~public recreational facilities~~ and publicly accessible buildings and associated grounds. The parks and ~~recreation~~trails commission shall have authority:

- (1) To review and call to the attention of the city council any deteriorating condition of city public parks, trails, bicycle and/or pedestrian ways, vacant park properties, public squares and publicly accessible buildings and associated grounds, ~~public recreational facilities~~, and their associated infrastructure improvements including but not limited to access roads, equipment, athletic fields, gardens, landscape areas, open spaces, natural areas, playgrounds, and parking areas.
- (2) To review and call to the attention of the city council the effectiveness, or lack thereof, of parks, trails, and public bicycle and/or pedestrian ways, ~~and recreation programs conducted by or for the city of St. Helens.~~
- (3) To review and make recommendations to the city council on the operation, administration, maintenance and equipment needs of the public works department relative to parks, trails, and public bicycle and/or pedestrian ways ~~and recreation~~ and the other public facilities identified in this section.
- (4) To review and make recommendations to the city council on the annual budget of the public works department relative to parks, trails, public bicycle and/or pedestrian ways, ~~and recreation~~ and the other public facilities identified in this section.
- (5) To review and make recommendations to the city council on master plans and capital improvement plans for parks, trails, public bicycle and/or pedestrian ways, ~~and recreation~~ and the other public facilities identified in this section.
- (6) To review and make recommendations to the city council on public park, and public bicycle and/or pedestrian ways ~~and recreation facility development plans~~, construction plans, recreation use or development proposals, and such other park-related activities as deemed advisable by the city council.

(7) To make periodic site visits and inspections, in accordance with public meetings law, and with the approval of the city engineering director, of city park ~~trail and recreation~~ facilities, public bicycle and/or pedestrian ways and other public facilities identified herein, as are necessary for the parks and ~~recreation~~trails commission to carry out its assigned duties.

(8) To request that the city council assign or direct staff to prepare reports and compile information necessary for the parks and ~~recreation~~trails commission to carry out its assigned duties.

Read the first time: February 1, 2023
Read the second time: February 15, 2023

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of February 2023 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder