

ORDINANCE BILL NO. _ FOR 2024

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SWEET HOME ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 PARKS SYSTEM PLAN AS A SUB-ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF SWEET HOME COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND REPLACING ALL PRIOR PARKS SYSTEM PLANS

WHEREAS, the City of Sweet Home Parks System Plan was last updated in 2014; and

WHEREAS, updating the Parks System Plan was a 2023-24 Council Goal; and

WHEREAS, ORS 197.175 requires the City to prepare, adopt, and implement Comprehensive Plans consistent with statewide planning goals adopted by the Land Conservation and Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, an updated Parks System Plan is needed to account for significant population growth, resulting in the increased need for recreation facilities to serve the additional population; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Parks System Plan is to provide a safe and efficient network of recreation facilities, parks, and natural spaces that provides access and opportunities for passive and active experiences and natural areas while providing health benefits to users through physical activity and social interaction; and

WHEREAS, the Parks System Plan focuses on the provision of a comprehensive and coordinated approach to providing a variety of recreation opportunities and services to City residents of all ages, all incomes, and all cultural backgrounds to encourage recreation participation by as many residents as possible and by citizens of all levels of need, interest, and ability; and

WHEREAS, following the timely mailing and publication of required notice, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on September 19, 2024, wherein the Commission received public testimony, staff reports, and exhibits, and thereafter deliberated and voted to recommend to the City Council the approval and adoption of the proposed Parks System Plan for the City of Sweet Home as a sub-element of the Sweet Home Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the record of the aforementioned Planning Commission action and recommendation, including the City Staff Legislative Findings, is marked Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, following the timely mailing and publication of required notice, held a public hearing on October 8, 2024 to review the proposed Parks System Plan, and to gather additional testimony and evidence regarding the proposed Parks System Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has afforded all interested parties an opportunity to be heard on this subject and has entered all available evidence and testimony into the public record of its proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered the subject, including the Planning Commission recommendations and all the exhibits and testimony introduced and offered by all interested parties.

NOW THEREFORE,

The City of Sweet Home does ordain as follows:

- Section 1. The above-recited findings are adopted and incorporated by reference herein as findings and conclusions, which includes the staff report. The City Council further finds and concludes that the adoption of the proposed 2024 Parks System Plan is necessary to help protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the municipality by planning that will help ensure there will continue to be adequate parks and recreation facilities and opportunities within the City's parks system.
- Section 2. The 2024 Parks System Plan, attached hereto and marked as Exhibit B, is hereby adopted. Based on such findings, the City Council hereby adopts the 2024 Parks System Plan, attached hereto and marked as Exhibit B, as a sub-element of City of Sweet Home Comprehensive Plan and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, which shall replace and supersede all prior Parks System Plans adopted by ordinance, resolution, or motion.
- Section 3. To reflect adoption of the Parks System Plan, City staff are directed to make any conforming changes to the Comprehensive Plan necessary to incorporate the amendments adopted herein.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor this ___ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager - Ex Officio City Recorder