

THE CHARTER OF OREGON CITY

CHAPTER X - PARKS AND NATURAL BEAUTY

Section 40 - Purpose.

The purpose of this Chapter X of the Charter is to prevent the transfer, sale, vacation or major change in use of city parks without first obtaining an approving vote of the legal voters of this city; to designate certain park areas and their use; to preserve the natural beauty of public parks and to protect the rights of citizens in the preservation of their heritage of nature. Its purpose also is to establish authority and procedures for abatement of nuisances and fire hazards for the protection of the public, as well as protection of the rights of individual citizens.

Section 41 - Approval by Voters.

The commission may not do any of the following listed acts with regard to any designated city park or part thereof without first obtaining approval of the legal voters of the city. Said acts are as follows:

- (a) Sell, lease or otherwise transfer park property.
- (b) Vacate or otherwise change the legal status of any park.
- (c) Construct permanent buildings or structures thereon other than for recreational purposes and park maintenance. In any case where at the date of adoption of this section there are existing structures which do not comply with this provision, such structures and any additions and alterations thereto are excepted from the provisions of this section.
- (d) Change the status of a natural park; construct buildings, or clear vegetation in a natural park, except for the construction of trails and essential roads and elimination of hazards constituting a clear and present danger to the public.

Section 42 - Parks Designated.

The following areas within the city are hereby designated as parks and where noted are designated also as natural parks:

- (a) Block [40](#), OREGON CITY.
- (b) Block 96, OREGON CITY.
- (c) Block 102, OREGON CITY.
- (d) Block 152, OREGON CITY.

- (e) The area designated as WATERBOARD PARK on the map of Oregon City revised 1969, and the adjoining areas thereof lying below the high bluff, the westerly end of which area is at the southwesterly corner of Tract [19](#), FIELDS ADDITION, and the easterly end of which area is approximately at the intersection of Quarry and Third Streets; except any portion thereof lying north of the road running from John Adams Street and the extension thereof around the south side of the Armory and connecting to South 2nd Street. WATERBOARD PARK as above described is designated as a natural park.
- (f) CLACKAMETTE PARK, at the confluence of the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers.
- (g) ATKINSON PARK, as designated on the map of Oregon City, revised 1969 and being all of the City land bounded by Sixteenth Street, McLoughlin Avenue, and Jackson Street.
- (h) RIVERCREST PARK, as designated on the map of Oregon City, revised 1969.
- (i) To the extent that the same is owned by Oregon City, or shall hereafter be acquired by Oregon City, the triangular area bounded on the east by Linn Avenue, on the north by Charman Street and on the southwest by the old portion of Linn Avenue, and which area lies south of Block [26](#), FALLS VIEW ADDITION, is designated as a natural park.
- (j) The city land acquired from the Oregon City School District lying at Fourth and Blanchard Streets in the plat of CANEMAH.
- (k) The area designated as KELLY FIELD on the map of Oregon City, revised 1969.
- (l) Block 126, OREGON CITY, except Lot 4 thereof.

Section 43 - Additional Parks.

Additional parks may be created and land established as parks upon the acceptance by the commission of a gift to the city for park purposes or a dedication of land as a park. Real property owned or acquired by the city in other manners may be designated as a park by ordinance. Park areas may be specifically designated as natural parks and when so designated shall be maintained as provided in [Section 41](#). Whenever any real property is designated as a park as provided herein, it is subject to all of the provisions of this Chapter X.