

## ORDINANCE NO. 18-1024

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### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OREGON CITY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS STRAIGHT PIONEER CEMETERY AS A PARK UNDER OREGON CITY CHARTER CHAPTER X

**WHEREAS**, Hiram A. Straight, Sr., sold his farm in Westport, Missouri, and he and his family joined the “Great Migration” of 1843 by covered red wagon, heading to Oregon. They helped to construct the wagon road for the Oregon Trail between Ft. Hall (Idaho) and Walla Walla (Washington) and in March, 1844, Straight took out a 600 acre government land claim in Park Place and received a Donation Land Claim for it when Oregon became a US Territory in 1849; and

**WHEREAS**, Hiram A. Straight, Sr., served in the legislature of the Oregon Provisional Government in 1845 and 1846 and was elected in 1856 as a representative to the Legislature of the Oregon Territorial Government; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Hiram A. Straight family had a plat of the Straight’s Addition to Park Place recorded at Clackamas County in 1892; and

**WHEREAS**, included in the plat was a parcel of land identified as “Grave Yard” which was dedicated to the public and in which Hiram A. Straight, Sr., his wife, Susan Lasswell Straight, and members of their families were buried; and

**WHEREAS**, Hiram and Susan Straight had six children, five of whom survived to adulthood including Hiram A. Straight, Jr., who represented Clackamas County in the State Legislature in 1876 and served as mayor of the City of Oregon City for four years beginning in 1894; and

**WHEREAS**, the Straight Cemetery is identified as a .4 acre developed cemetery in the 1998 City of Oregon City Park and Recreation Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, designating the Straight Pioneer Cemetery as a park under Chapter X of the City Charter would ensure protection of the park by preventing the transfer, sale, vacation or major changes to Straight Pioneer Cemetery without a legal vote of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the status of Oregon City’s parks as charter parks has been discussed by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and at a regular meeting held on September 27, 2018, PRAC recommended that staff prepare an ordinance for adoption by the City Commission recognizing the Straight Pioneer Cemetery as a charter park.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Straight Pioneer Cemetery, identified as 2-2E-20DD-05900, with the boundaries as shown on the map attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A, is hereby designated as a park in

accordance with the Charter of Oregon City, Chapter X, Section 43, creating a permanent park for the enjoyment of the citizens of Oregon City.

Read for the first time at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 7th day of November, 2018, and the City Commission finally enacted the foregoing Ordinance this 5th day of December 2018.

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DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

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Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

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City Attorney

Attachment:  
Exhibit A –Map of Park