



# City of Oregon City

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## Staff Report

File Number: 18-534

**Agenda Date:** 11/7/2018

**Status:** Public Hearing

**To:** City Commission

**Agenda #:** 6b.

**From:** Community Services Director Phil Lewis

**File Type:** Ordinance

### **SUBJECT:**

First Reading of Ordinance No. 18-1024, Designating the Straight Pioneer Cemetery as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):**

Approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-1024, Designating the Straight Pioneer Cemetery as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was established in 1983 by the City Commission to advocate for recreational opportunities for Oregon City and to oversee implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. To ensure recreational opportunities are preserved in Oregon City, the PRAC has undertaken the review of the charter park status of all Oregon City parks which are owned and managed by the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department.

Oregon City owns thirty-six parks, eleven of those are identified in Section 42 of Chapter X of the City Charter making them charter parks. Twelve more parks (Abernethy Creek Park, Jon Storm Park, Park Place Park, Richard Bloom Tots' Park, Filbert Run Park, Hartke Park, Hazelwood Park, Chapin Park, Shenandoah Park, Wesley Lynn Park, Hillendale Park and Glen Oak Park) were added to the charter through the provisions outlined in Section 43, which allows charter park designation through ordinance adoption. Identification in the City Charter ensures park protection by preventing the transfer, sale, vacation or major changes to charter parks without a legal vote of the people.

Of the remaining thirteen non-charter parks, the plat of the Straight's Addition to Park Place contained a parcel of land identified as "Grave Yard" which was dedicated to the public. The 1998 Parks and Recreation Master Plan identified Straight Cemetery as a .4 acre developed cemetery. Adoption of Ordinance No. 18-1024 will designate the Straight Pioneer Cemetery as a park under Chapter X of the City Charter and ensure protection of the land as a park.