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Staff Report

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To: City Commission

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From: Community Services Director Phil Lewis

File Type: Ordinance

SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 18-1026, Designating Stafford Park as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-1026, Designating Stafford Park 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, Stafford Park was obtained by the City in phases beginning in 1978 and its current configuration was established in 1993. The 1999 Parks Master Plan identified Stafford Park as a developed park with a playground, play and picnic areas. Adoption of Ordinance No. 18-1026 will designate Stafford Park as a park under Chapter X of the City Charter and ensure protection of the land as a park.