

Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, RELATED TO THE NAMING OF OLYMPIA PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES; AND AMENDING OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.62.050

WHEREAS, some City of Olympia parks and park facilities, including trails, are part of interconnected regional facilities; and

WHEREAS, Olympia Municipal Code Section 12.62.050 states that Olympia parks and park facilities shall not ordinarily be named for living persons, unless the name is a condition of a donation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend the Olympia Municipal Code to allow City of Olympia parks or park facilities, including trails, that are part of a regional facility and named in conjunction with other governmental entities to be named after a living person;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of OMC 12.62.050. Olympia Municipal Code Section 12.62.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.62.050 Naming of Parks and Park Facilities – Policy

- A. It is the policy of the City to follow this procedure to establish names for parks and other park facilities.
- B. A working name for the park or park facility will be assigned by the Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation staff at the time of land purchase. Suggested names will be historical, geographical, or the name of a boundary street.
- C. A permanent name for the park or park facility will be assigned at the time of the approval of the Interim Use and Management Plan or final park development, whichever occurs first.
- D. In naming parks and other park facilities, consideration shall be given primarily to:
 - 1. Neighborhood, boundary roads, or common usage identification;
 - 2. A natural or geographic feature;
 - 3. Significant historical events or cultural attributes;
 - 4. A historical figure;
 - 5. A name chosen by an individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the park system;

6. An individual who has contributed outstanding civic service to the City or has been instrumental in acquiring or developing parks properties and who has been deceased for a period of at least one year;

7. Organizations having contributed to and influenced the betterment of the City.

E. Parks and park facilities shall not ordinarily be named for living persons unless they have stipulated the name as a condition of donation or unless the park or park facility is part of a regional facility that is named in conjunction with other governmental entities.

Section 2. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

Section 4. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication, as provided by law.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED: