

Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO CREATION OF THE OLYMPIA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT WITH BOUNDARIES COEXTENSIVE WITH THE CITY; REQUESTING THAT AN ELECTION BE HELD CONCURRENT WITH THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE CITY, A PROPOSITION TO FORM THE OLYMPIA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council finds there is a need to create a stable funding source for the maintenance and acquisition of parks and other recreation facilities and programs to serve the residents of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 35.61 RCW and other state law provides that a metropolitan park district (MPD) may be created upon voter approval of a ballot proposition submitted to the voters of the proposed district, and that a metropolitan park district has certain statutory powers, including the power to levy and impose various taxes and fees to generate revenues to provide ongoing funding to maintain, operate, construct, improve and acquire parks, community centers, athletic fields and other recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council finds that it is in the best interests of residents of Olympia to submit to the voters a ballot proposition to create a metropolitan park district, to be called the Olympia Metropolitan Park District, that includes the entire area within the boundaries of the City of Olympia;

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

Section 1. Election – Ballot Title. The Olympia City Council directs the City Clerk to file this Ordinance with the Auditor of Thurston County, Washington, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections. The City Clerk shall request that the Auditor call and conduct in the City of Olympia an election to be held on November 3, 2015, for the purpose of submitting to the voters within the boundaries of the City of Olympia (which are the boundaries of the proposed district) a proposition to form the Olympia Metropolitan Park District as authorized under Chapter 35.61 RCW. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the Auditor of Thurston County, Washington, a ballot title in substantially the following form, with such changes as may be approved by the City Attorney:

THE CITY OF OLYMPIA
PROPOSITION NUMBER 1
OLYMPIA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

The City of Olympia Proposition Number 1 concerns formation of the Olympia Metropolitan Park District, a metropolitan park district.

This proposition creates the Olympia Metropolitan Park District to provide ongoing funding to acquire, maintain, operate and improve parks, Percival Landing, and other recreation facilities and programs. The District has the same boundaries as the City of Olympia, be governed by a Board composed of Olympia City Councilmembers, and exercises powers given to metropolitan park districts in state law, including levying property taxes and contracting with the City of Olympia to perform District functions.

[] For the formation of a metropolitan park district to be governed by the members of the Olympia City Council serving in an *ex officio* capacity as the Board of Commissioners of the Olympia Metropolitan Park District.

[] Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.

Section 2. Boundaries of the Olympia Metropolitan Park District and Composition of Governing Board. The boundaries of the Olympia Metropolitan Park District will be coterminous with the boundaries of the City of Olympia. Initially the Board will be composed of the elected City Councilmembers of the City of Olympia, who will be designated to serve in an *ex officio* capacity as the Board of metropolitan park district commissioners.

Section 3. Ratification. The City Clerk's certification to the Auditor of Thurston County, Washington of the proposition in Section 1 above and any other acts taken after the passage of this Ordinance and consistent with its authority, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. 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 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after publication, as provided by law.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED: