

VANCOUVER PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTING ORDINANCE

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ORDINANCE NO. M -4361

AN ORDINANCE adopting the 2022-2031 Vancouver Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Comprehensive Plan (“Park Plan”) by reference into Appendix E of Vancouver Comprehensive Plan, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Park Plan was adopted in 2014 (Ordinance M-4080); and

WHEREAS, the Park Plan update is an overall update that more specifically addresses:

1. The 2022-2031 planning period;
2. Revised level of service metrics to include equity and park quality;
3. Inventory updates for projects since 2014 and the addition of public elementary school field acres at a discounted rate based on available daylight hours outside of school use;
4. Park reclassifications of seven sites and new park classifications for civic plazas and linear parks for high density land use areas;
5. Updated Park Improvement Levels to include:
 - a) Addition of themed play structures through the park system,
 - b) Support services at neighborhood parks where community park access is limited,
 - c) Universally accessible play structures in all community parks,
 - d) Support of pollinator species through park design and maintenance practices, and
 - e) Improvements at underutilized urban natural areas for increased passive use opportunities;

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6. Refreshed vision, mission, and goals and objectives to reflect public feedback, changing conditions, and Council themes and objectives;

7. A 10-year Capital Facilities Plan; and

8. Definition of the planning area to be consistent with Vancouver city limits.

WHEREAS, the adoption of this updated Park Plan will allow the City to remain eligible for grants awarded through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) which is a significant funding source for acquisition and development projects for the city; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Growth Management Act the City Council has adopted a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Vancouver (Ordinance M-3994) that includes adoption of the Park Plan by reference; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes must be consistent with the policies and provision of Vancouver Municipal Code 2.16.070 for review by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for adoption and revisions to the Park Plan; policies and provisions of Vancouver Municipal Code 20.220.010 and 20.285.070 for Planning Commission review to evaluate consistency with the Vancouver Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Plan to encourage orderly development within the community and necessary to further the public interest based on present needs and conditions; and consistency with the Growth Management Act pursuant to the requirements of RCW Chapter 36.70A.070 Park and Recreation elements; and consist with the Planning requirements of the Recreation and Conservation Office for the City of Vancouver to be eligible for grant application and awards; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the proposed changes at duly advertised work sessions on April 21, May 19, July 21, and August 18, 2021, and duly advertised public hearings on September 15, and October 20, 2021 and at those

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hearings, in consideration of cumulative impacts of all the proposed Park Plan changes, voted unanimously to recommend approval of the amended and restated Park Plan described herein for adoption to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed changes at a duly advertised work session on October 26, 2021, and a duly advertised public hearing on November 9, 2021 and at that hearing, in consideration of cumulative impacts of all the proposed Park Plan changes, voted unanimously to recommend approval of the amended and restated Park Plan described herein for adoption to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted duly advertised public work sessions on July 12, September 27 and November 22, 2021, a first reading of the proposed ordinance on December 13, and a public hearing on December 20, 2021, following which the Council agrees with the Park and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission recommendations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to VMC 20.780 the cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed Comprehensive Plan have been reviewed and determined to be nonsignificant pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act. A Notice of Determination of Non-significance (DNS) was issued on October 13, 2021 for the proposed Park Plan update, and no SEPA comments or appeals were received; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. Council Findings and Conclusions.

The Council makes the following findings:

1. The requirements of VWC 20.780 (SEPA Regulations) have been met; and

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2. The adoption of the 2022-31 Park Plan is consistent with the applicable provisions of the Growth Management Act, state and federal law, or other legal mandates; and

3. The adoption of the 2022-31 Park Plan is consistent with the applicable provisions of the Vancouver Strategic Plan and Vancouver Comprehensive Plan and necessary to further the public interest based on present needs and conditions; and

4. The adoption of the 2022-31 Park Plan is consistent with the planning requirements of the Recreation and Conservation Office; and

5. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission findings and conclusions as set forth in the public hearing staff reports for September 15, 2021 and October 20, 2021, and Planning Commission findings and conclusions as set forth in the public hearing staff report for November 9, 2021 are hereby adopted as the City Council's findings of fact.

Section 2. Comprehensive Plan Text Changes.

A. Vancouver Comprehensive Plan 2011-2030 Appendix E, Other Plans and Documents adopted by Reference, Item I, adopted by Ordinance M-4147, is amended as follows: ~~Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Comprehensive Plan 2014, and 2017-2022 Capital Facilities Plan.~~ Vancouver Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Comprehensive Plan (2022-2031), and attached hereto as Exhibits A – Exhibit X.

Section 3. Repeal of 2014 Park Plan.

Ordinance M-4080 adopting the 2014 Park Plan is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall be confined in its operation to the controversy in which it was rendered and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any

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parts thereof to any other person or circumstances and to this end the provisions of each clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this law are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall go into effect on January 1, 2022.

Section 6. Instruction to City Clerk. The City Clerk shall transmit a copy of the revised development code to the Washington Department of Commerce.

Read First Time: December 13, 2021

Ayes: Councilmembers Fox, Paulsen, Lebowsky, Glover, Stober, Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Nays: None

Absent: None

Read Second Time: December 20, 2021

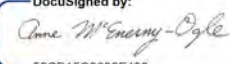
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: 7-0

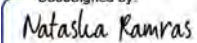
Ayes: Councilmembers Fox, Paulsen, Lebowsky, Glover, Stober, Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

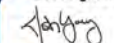
Nays: None

Absent: None

SIGNED this 20th day of December

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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Jonathan Young, City Attorney

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SUMMARY

ORDINANCE NO. M -4361

An ORDINANCE relating to amending and restating the entire text of Vancouver Comprehensive for adoption of the 2022-2031 Vancouver Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Comprehensive Plan by reference into Appendix E; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

The full text of this ordinance will be mailed upon request. Contact Raelyn McJilton, Records Officer at 487-8711, or via www.cityofvancouver.us (Go to City Government and Public Records).

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