

ARTICLE 19 Park Commission

Section 1. Dedication All those lands specified by the Charter Amendment of December 15, 1908 and May 13, 1912, are hereby reserved and forever dedicated to the people of the City for park purposes and shall never be sold, leased, encumbered or used for any purpose inconsistent therewith; provided, however, that such public buildings as may enhance the beauty of said park, or that shall not detract therefrom, may be constructed if so directed by a majority vote of the electors of said City; and provided further, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed so as to impair or interfere with proper construction or operation of the City's light, power or water system.

Section 1C. That the Ashland Park Commission, with the consent of the Common Council, shall have the authority to lease to the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association, a non-profit corporation of the State of Oregon, any portion of Lithia Park described as follows, to-wit:

That certain property commencing at the northeast corner of the Chamber of Commerce building; thence, southerly along the base of the hill to southern side of pond in lower park; thence, east to ditch carrying water to waterfall; thence, southerly along ditch 150 feet; thence, east 110 feet to west side of Hargadine Street; thence, northerly on west line of Hargadine Street to northeast corner of park property; thence, following the meandering north line of park property to place of beginning, containing approximately two acres for the purpose of remodeling and expanding the present Festival theatre and the construction of additional buildings which are hereby designated as public buildings for use by the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association for any of the purposes authorized by the corporate charter of said association, said use to be on such terms and conditions as the Ashland Park Commission, with the consent of the Common Council, deems in the best interests of the City; provided, however, that any lease shall not exceed a period of ninety-nine (99) years.

Section 2. Park Commission The certain board created by a vote of the qualified electors of the City of Ashland, Oregon, at a special election held on the 15th day of December, 1908, which became effective by the proclamation of the Mayor published on the 17th day of December, 1908, and known and designated as the "Ashland Park Commission", be and the same, as constituted and created by said Charter amendment, and as now existing, is hereby perpetuated and continued as five (5) members with all the powers conferred and duties imposed by said Charter amendment and ordinances of the City of Ashland.

Provided, that at the general biennial election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, two commissioners shall be elected to serve for the term of four (4) years from the first day of January, 1921, and that at the general biennial election to be held in November, 1922, three commissioners shall be elected to serve for the term of four (4) years from the first day of January, 1923, and that the term of office for each succeeding commissioner shall be four (4) years unless elected to fill a vacancy, in which event he/she shall be elected to serve until the first day of January following the next succeeding biennial election after any such vacancy. Provided, further, that each of the commissioners now constituting the present Ashland Park Commission shall hold office for the term for which he/she was elected, and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.

Section 3. Funding The said Park Commission shall have control and management of all the lands here dedicated for park purposes and of all other lands that may hereafter be acquired by the City for such purposes. They shall have control and management of all park funds, whether the same is obtained by taxation, donation or otherwise, and shall expend the same judiciously for beautifying and improving the City's parks.

It shall be the duty of said Commission and they shall, at the beginning of each month, file with the City Recorder for the information of the City Council and the public, a report of their doings for the preceding month. Such report shall specify all funds on hand and the source from whence obtained. It shall carry a clear statement of all monies expended and for what purpose. All purchases made and all labor performed, together with the cost thereof, shall be embodied in said report. At the time for making the tax levy for general City purposes in each year, the said Commission shall cause a careful estimate to be made of the money required for park purposes for the ensuing year and file the same with the City Recorder, whereupon there shall be included in said general levy not to exceed four and one half (4-1/2) mills on the dollar to meet such requirements, which, when collected, shall be deposited with the City Recorder subject to the order of said Commission. The levy herein authorized shall be outside the limitation on taxation set forth in Article XI, Section II of the Constitution of Oregon.

Section 4. Salary; Government The said Commission shall serve without pay and shall have power to formulate and adopt rules and regulations for their government and for the purpose of carrying into effect the purposes of their creation as Park Commission. They shall enter upon the discharge of their duties immediately upon their organization and shall, as soon as may be expedient, cause a map or maps to be made of the lands herein dedicated, and shall make the same conform to the descriptions contained in the instruments by which said City obtained title thereto; which said instruments shall be considered as carrying a more specific description of said lands.