

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 288.01, 288.02 AND 288.03 TO REFLECT RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATED TO THE CITY'S PARK BOARD.**

WHEREAS, in the last three rounds of City Charter Amendments approved by City voters in November 2005, 2010 and 2015, amendments to the Charter provisions related to the Park Board were adopted by the voters and the City's Codified Ordinances should be amended to reflect the Charter Amendments so as to be consistent therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Codified Ordinance Sections 288.01, 288.02 and 288.03 are hereby amended to hereinafter read as follows:

“288.01 ESTABLISHMENT; AUTHORITY.

(a) The Municipality shall operate and maintain public parks and public lands acquired or designated by Council. The Park Board shall, ~~as directed by Council, supervise~~ **make recommendations as to the following matters:** the operation of the parks, ~~submit an annual budget with the advice of the City Manager to Council for its~~ **the Council's** approval and appropriation of funds, ~~approve~~ park expenditures in accordance with the appropriation **therefor,** ~~for payment by the Finance Director, provide for~~ conservation and recreation activities within the Parks System and **it shall** perform such other tasks as may be designated by Council. ~~The City Manager shall hire Parks management personnel, with the advice of the Park Board.~~

(b) ~~The~~ **With the approval of the Council, the** Park Board shall provide for lands suitable for park activities and programs, and for lands suitable for natural preserves. Land acquisitions for park purposes shall be recommended by the Park Board and **may be** approved by Council and shall conform to the Comprehensive Plan and enacting ordinances in effect at the time of the acquisition. ~~No land under the jurisdiction of the Park Board~~ **Except by a vote of a majority of the electors of the Municipality, land owned by the Municipality** and devoted to public park purposes shall **not** be sold **or otherwise transferred to another owner,** nor used by the Municipality for purposes other than public park purposes, ~~except by a vote of a majority of the electors of the Municipality.~~ **which would result in a net reduction of the land area of the public park, unless the reduction in land area would be for a public purpose that enhances the function of that particular park or for a public right-of-way for vehicular, pedestrian and/or utility purposes.**

288.02 PARK BOARD; COMPOSITION AND TERMS.

(a) The Park Board shall consist of five to seven electors of the Municipality appointed by Council. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality for two years preceding appointment and shall remain a resident during the member's term. Each member shall serve without compensation for a term of four years. No member may serve more than ~~two~~ **three** full consecutive terms. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a new member to complete the unexpired term.

(b) The Park Board shall elect one of its members as Chair for a period of two years, who may be re-elected for one additional term as Chair.

288.03 FUNDING.

(a) Tax levies designated for the operation of the public park system shall be recommended by the Park Board and **may be** approved by Council for placement on the ballot. Funds collected and appropriated for park purposes shall be maintained as a Special Revenue Fund by the Finance Director of the Municipality.

(b) Tax levies designated for capital improvement projects of the Park Board shall be recommended by the Park Board and approved by Council for placement on the ballot. Funds collected and appropriated for capital improvements for park purposes shall be maintained as a Special Capital Improvement Fund by the Finance Director of the Municipality.”

Section 2. Existing Codified Ordinance Sections 288.01, 288.02 and 288.03 are hereby repealed.

Section 3. All formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, or otherwise in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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David A. Basil, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council