

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Warner/Council		9/25/92		10/06/92	Council/Intro
Division Head:				10/27/92	Finance/Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Ordinance creating a Parks & Recreation Department - reintroduction

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance - Version A
- Ordinance - Version B
- Ordinance - with changes

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / YES / / Requested date:
Amount budgeted for this item/project: \$	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / / NO / / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

This ordinance was vetoed by the Executive because of certain wording.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Passage

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

- 10/06/92: Introduction
- 10/27/92: Council adopted version A of the ordinance, with the amendments that the title of the department be changed to its original title (Parks and Recreation).

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only): 092-081

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ORDINANCE NO. 92-081

ESTABLISHING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.29 CREATING
THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT,
ELIMINATING COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.28

WHEREAS, the people of Whatcom County have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to maintain parks, recreational and senior activities within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Code Section 2.28 was constituted prior to enactment of the current charter for Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, efficient administration and optimal public participation in any large organization requires a consistent treatment of operational entities within the organization; and

WHEREAS, state law provides that counties may utilize different approaches in administering park operations and Whatcom County can provide a direct link of responsibility to elected officials by adopting a different approach;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Parks & Recreation Department will continue the ability of the County to successfully operate a wide variety of parks, recreational and senior activities with the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.28, Park Board, is repealed in its entirety effective December 31, 1992, and Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.29 is created as follows:

Chapter 2.29

Parks and Recreation Department

Sections

- 2.29.010 Department established.
- 2.29.020 Director appointment.
- 2.29.030 Duties.

1 2.29.040 Small change funds.
2 2.29.050 Parks & Recreation Commission.
3 2.29.080 Continuity.
4 2.29.090 Severability.

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8 2.29.010 Department established. There is hereby established an executive
9 department called the Parks and Recreation department, effective January 1, 1993;
10 provided, that the county executive may take any preliminary or transitional steps
11 necessary for the formation of the department and the implementation of this chapter.
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14 2.29.020 Director appointment. A. There shall be appointed a director of the
15 Parks and Recreation department whose duties shall include management oversight and
16 administration of all department activities. The director shall be appointed by the County
17 Executive and subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council. The director
18 will be appointed for an indefinite period and shall serve at the will of the county
19 executive.
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21 B. It is the responsibility of the director to hire department staff in accordance
22 with the personnel policies and procedures of the county, and any other applicable laws
23 and regulations.
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26 2.29.030 Duties. The department shall be responsible for the administration
27 of all parks, along with the operation of recreational programs, senior centers, historical
28 preservation, and other duties as may be assigned.
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31 2.29.040 Small change funds. The department is authorized, in conjunction
32 with appropriate controls as established by financial policies, to maintain small change
33 funds for the purpose of making change in the course of operations of the department.
34 The appropriate county authority is directed to provide up to eighteen hundred dollars
35 for the establishment or maintenance of such small change funds.
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38 2.29.050 Parks & Recreation Commission. A. The Parks & Recreation
39 Commission is created and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Parks and
40 Recreation department.
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42 B. The Parks & Recreation Commission shall consist of two members appointed
43 from each county council district and one member appointed at large. All terms of office
44 shall be for four years. All appointments for the purpose of filling vacancies shall be for

1 the remaining portion of the unexpired term. No member shall serve more than two
2 consecutive full terms.

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5 C. Commission members shall be nominated by the County Executive and
6 confirmed by a majority of the County Council.

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8 D. The Parks & Recreation Commission shall adopt such rules and procedures
9 necessary to conduct their business. On an annual basis, the members of the commission
10 shall meet and elect a chairman and other officers as may be necessary.

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12 E. The Parks & Recreation Commission shall be subject to the requirements of
13 the state Open Meetings Act.

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16 2.29.080 Continuity. A. All employees, contracts, and operations existing
17 under the former Park Board shall be transferred to the Parks and Recreation
18 department and be continued without interruption.

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20 B. Monies contained in, and appropriated to, the Park Fund shall be transferred
21 from the former Park Board to the Parks and Recreation department in the same
22 amounts and categories. Control of monies and projects in the Parks Improvement Fund
23 shall be transferred from the former Park Board to the Parks, Recreation and Senior
24 Services department.

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26 C. All members of the former Park Board shall continue in their terms and offices
27 as members of the Parks & Recreation Commission, until such time as their terms of
28 office would have ordinarily expired. The two consecutive term maximum rule as applied
29 to members of the new Parks & Recreation Commission shall include their service on
30 the former Park Board.

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32 D. Policy and budget matters brought before the County Council relating to the
33 Parks Department shall have received the review of the Parks and Recreation
34 Commission.

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37 2.29.090 Severability. If any portion of this ordinance should be found unlawful,
38 all remaining portions shall remain in effect.

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41 ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 1992.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

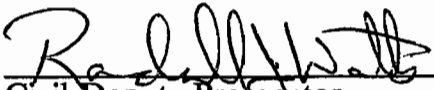
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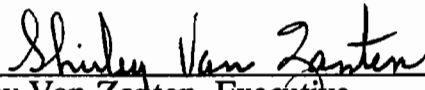
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6 Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk


_____ Daniel M. Warner, Chairman

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8 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved () Denied

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12 Civil Deputy Prosecutor


_____ Shirley Van Zanten, Executive
Date: 11/06/92