

CHAPTER 23

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23.01 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. There shall be appointed by the Council a Parks and Recreation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, consisting of three (3) members, who shall be residents of the City and who shall not hold any elective office in the City government.

23.02 TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office of the members of the Commission shall be six (6) years. One member shall be appointed after each regular City election.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

23.03 VACANCIES. If any vacancy exists on the Commission caused by resignation, or otherwise, a successor for the residue of the term shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointee.

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23.04 ORGANIZATION. Following each regular City election, the Commission shall meet and elect one of its members as Chairperson and one as Secretary.

23.05 COMPENSATION. All members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as may be established by resolution of the Council and may be reimbursed for their actual expenses, which shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

23.06 BUDGET CERTIFIED. The Commission shall submit to the Council a proposed budget and tax levy for general park purposes for the ensuing fiscal year. The Council shall include such tax levy, or so much thereof as it may deem necessary, in the levy for the General Fund of the City as certified to the County Auditor.

23.07 RECORDS AND REPORTS. The Commission shall keep a record of all its transactions and proceedings and submit a detailed annual report to the Council no later than November 1 of each year of the amounts of money expended and the purposes for which used.

23.08 JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY. The Commission has exclusive control of all parks and pleasure grounds or of any other ground owned by the City and set apart for like purposes within the City. All ordinances of the City shall be in full force and effect in and over the territory occupied by such parks.

23.09 POLES AND WIRES. The Commission may regulate or forbid the erection of poles or the stretching of wire for electric light, street railway, or other corporations or persons in such parks or in or along streets or highways or over public places laid out or controlled by it.

23.10 ACQUISITION OF LAND. The Commission may acquire real estate within or without the City for park purposes by donation, lease, purchase, or condemnation, take the title to real estate in the name of the Commission in trust for the public and hold it exempt from taxation, with approval of the Council.

23.11 SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY. The Commission may sell, subject to the approval of the Council, exchange, or lease any real estate acquired by it which in its discretion is unfit, not desirable, unnecessary, or not required for park purposes.

23.12 LIMITED LEASES. The Commission may lease under reasonable rates and requirements a particular park or portion thereof, as follows:

1. Organizations. For a period not in excess of ten (10) days to charitable, fraternal and patriotic organizations for the conduct of celebrations, anniversaries and entertainment.
2. Professional Games. For such time or times, not to exceed six (6) consecutive months, for the purpose of permitting the playing of professional baseball or other professional games.

23.13 RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Commission shall have the power to make rules and regulations for the use of park or other facilities under its control, such rules shall be posted on the facility or otherwise publicized in a manner to provide adequate notice to the public.

23.14 PENALTIES. Any person who violates a Commission rule or regulation which has been approved by the Council and adopted by ordinance may be subjected to the penalties provided for in the ordinance adopting the rule or regulation.

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