

ORDINANCE NO. 493

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES 431 AND 471, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 468, AND CREATING A PARKS & TREES ADVISORY BOARD

The City Council of the City of Creswell hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. **Parks and Trees Board.** There is hereby created an Advisory Board to Creswell City Council that provides Creswell citizens a voice regarding parks, trees, open spaces, and recreational facilities.

Section 2. **Appointments; Terms of Office.** Said Board shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council and shall consist of six (6) members, the composition of which shall adhere to criteria stated in Section 3. The term of members shall be three (3) years with one-third being appointed for each calendar year. The Mayor shall designate the terms of those appointed initially.

Section 3. **Composition**

The Parks and Trees Board shall consist of members with an interest in parks, open space, trees, and recreational opportunities in Creswell who meet the following criteria:

- a. Up to two members of the Board may be members of the City Council
- b. At least one member of the Board shall be knowledgeable in arboriculture, urban forestry, or an understanding of trees and their care.
- c. Two (2) members of the Board may live outside the City Limits of Creswell.

Section 4. **Resignation; Vacancies.** A member of the Board may resign at any time by submitting a letter of resignation to the Council. A member of the Board who is absent from three consecutive meetings without excuse is considered to be in non-performance of duty. A member of the Board may be removed by City Council for nonperformance of duty. Any vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled by the Mayor appointing a new member for the unexpired term.

Section 5. **Duties.** The Board shall carry out the purpose, as described in Section 1, by advising and assisting the Council in Parks and Tree Duties, described in this Section.

5.1 **Parks Duties**

The Parks and Trees Board shall perform the following duties related to parks and open spaces.

- a. Monitoring existing parks and open spaces;
- b. Planning for, and advising the development of, new parks and open spaces; and
- c. Advising the City regarding Goals 5 and 8 of the Statewide Land Use Planning Goals, which includes updating of Creswell's Parks and Open Space Master Planning documents, as needed;

5.2 **Tree Duties**

The Parks and Trees Board shall perform the following duties related to public trees.

- a. Study, investigate, develop, and to update periodically, the Creswell Tree Care Plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal and disposition of all public trees; and
- b. Maintain Creswell's status as a Tree City USA.

4.3 **Other Duties**

The Board shall cultivate and maintain volunteer networks to assist in these duties. The City recognizes Friends of Creswell Parks as the official volunteer network for this Board.

Section 5. **Meetings.** The Board shall meet at such times and places as are required for carrying out its duties. All such meetings shall be called and held in accordance with Oregon's Public Meetings Law.

Section 6. **Quorum.** A majority of the Board members (4) shall constitute a quorum.

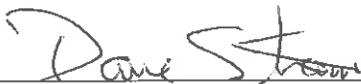
Section 7. **Officers.** The Board shall elect from its members a chairperson to serve during each calendar year. The chairperson shall maintain ongoing communication with the Board's appointed City Staff person.

Section 8. **Records, Information and Actions.** The Board shall keep records in accordance with Oregon Public Meetings Law. The Board shall deliver to City Council all recommendations and information, which will be helpful to the City in fulfilling their duties.

Section 9. **Amendment and Repeal.** Ordinances 431 and 471 are hereby repealed in their entirety. Ordinance 468 remains as sections 7 through 10 only.

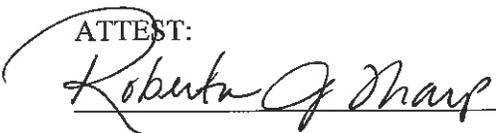
Section 10. **Severability.** The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provisions of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of the City of Creswell Municipal Code.

Passed by the common Council and approved by the Mayor this 9th day of November, 2015.



Dave Stram, Mayor

ATTEST:



Roberta J. Tharp, City Recorder