

ORDINANCE 21-C-10

SYNOPSIS: The proposed Ordinance would abolish the existence of the Huntington Department of Parks and Recreation Board as previously designated by Ordinance 13-C-99, adopted October 12, 1999.

The proposed Ordinance would also:

1. Transfer management of the parks and recreation activities and facilities to the direct administrative authority of the City of Huntington by and through its Board of Public Works and Safety, its Mayor and its Common Council, as appropriate, and
2. Allow for the creation of an advisory Council for the Department of Parks and Recreation, and
3. Provide for corresponding fiscal transfers and adjustments, and
4. Be effective immediately upon adoption.

AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE PARK BOARD FOR PURPOSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS OF THE HUNTINGTON CITY CODE

WHEREAS, said Park Board was established by Ordinance 13-C-99 as it appears in Section 99.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntington, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes it to be in the best interest of the City of Huntington to eliminate the Park Board of the City of Huntington from its role with respect to the Department of Parks and Recreation,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Huntington, Indiana, as follows:

PARK BOARD ABOLISHED.

Section 99.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntington is hereby repealed and the Park Board of the City of Huntington is hereby eliminated.

ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY.

Upon adoption of this Ordinance administrative authority and control of the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Huntington shall revert to the Mayor, the Board of Public Works and Safety and the Common Council as and in the way that the law provides for the management of other City departments.

Section 99.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntington shall hereafter provide as follows:

“99.01 There is hereby established a Department of Parks and Recreation. The Department shall consist of a Superintendent and other personnel as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

(A) The salaries of the Superintendent and all other personnel in the Department of Parks and Recreation shall be from time to time set by the Board of Public Works and Safety but within the current appropriation fixed by the Common Council.

(B) The Board of Public Works and Safety, together with the Common Council where the Council's action is required by law, shall be in full charge of the Department of Parks and Recreation and all matters connected therewith.

(C) The Board of Public Works and Safety may create an Advisory Council to be composed of citizens interested in the process of parks and recreation. In the event such an Advisory Council is created, not less than 40% of its members shall be appointees of the Common Council and all other members shall be appointed by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

(D) Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, all books, papers, documents and other property relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation and of its Board as established under Ordinance 13-C-99 shall be forthwith transferred to and become the property of the City of Huntington by and through its Board of Public Works and Safety. “

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its adoption and publication in accordance with applicable law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2010.

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