

CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

ORDINANCE OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Amending Sections 2.02.020 - Index of title 2 offices and the applicable sections, 2.16.010 -Generally, Rule 13 Committees, 2.20.040 - Uniform ordinance violation citation, 2.60.070 - Plan Commission, 2.90.030 - Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas, 3.12.020 - Various departments to be notified – Recommendations, 6.52.020 - Board of Park Commissioners to enforce chapter, 6.52.070 - Cost of tree care, 8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden, 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited, 9.21.050 - Controlled areas, 10.20.080 – No parking and restricted parking areas designated, 10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property, 12.56.030 - City Forester, 12.56.080 - Permit to plant, remove, maintain and protect trees and shrubs, 12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester, 12.56.190 – Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs, 21.12.040 - Preliminary plat review and recommendations, 21.12.080 - Final plat review and recommendations, 21.13.060 – Final plat review and recommendations, 21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes, 21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland and 23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements and repealing and recreating Chapter 9.20 Park Regulations.

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The Common Council of the City of Wausau do ordain as follows:

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Section 1. That Section 2.02.020 – Index of title 2 offices and the applicable sections, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.02 – GENERAL PERSONNEL POLIICIES

2.02.010 – Purpose.

Assessor	2.06.015
Attorney	2.06.015
Chief Inspector and Zoning Administrator	2.12.010
Clerk	2.08.010
Electrical Inspector	2.12.010
Engineer	2.12.010
Finance Director	2.06.010
Forester	2.10.010
Plumbing Inspector	2.12.010
Director Public Works and Utilities	2.06.015
Street Superintendent	2.12.010

Section 2. That Section 2.16.010 – Generally, Rule 13 Committees, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.16 – STANDING RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

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RULE 13 COMMITTEES

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B. *Standing Committees.* The Standing Committees of the Council shall be:

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6. Parks and Recreation;

Section 3. That Section 2.20.040 Uniform ordinance violation citation, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.20 – ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

2.20.040 – Uniform ordinance violation citation.

The following officials may issue, on information and belief or on their own knowledge, a uniform ordinance violation citation, pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0113 for violations of ordinances directly relating to their official responsibilities:

Building inspector	Fire inspector
Director of inspections and electrical systems	Housing inspector
City forester	Plumbing inspector
Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry	Director of Public Works and Utilities
Electrical inspector	Employee assigned duties and responsibilities of sidewalk
Engineer	Treasurer
Finance Director	

Section 4. That Section 2.60.070 Plan Commission, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.60 – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2.60.070 - Plan Commission.

The City Plan Commission shall be composed of the Mayor, who shall be the presiding officer, the Director of Public Works and Utilities, the Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman, an Alderperson, and three residents of the City. The Alderperson member shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Common Council at its regular April meeting each year term. Qualifications and responsibilities of the members of the Plan Commission shall be as established by Wis. Stats. § 62.23.

Section 5. That Section 2.90.030 Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.90 – SMOKING ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

2.90.030 - Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas.

- (a) No person may smoke in the following areas of a City park or outdoor areas of City property:

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- (5) Within an area up to 50 feet of those areas in subsections (1) through (4) as designated by the Director of ~~the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department~~ **Parks, Recreation & Forestry** or his or her designee and posted pursuant to subsection (c).

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- (7) Those park areas temporarily posted as no smoking by the Director of the Parks, **Recreation & Forestry** Department or his or her designee during Parks, **Recreation & Forestry** Department sponsored events.

- (8) Those park areas temporarily posted as no smoking by the Director of the Parks, **Recreation & Forestry** Department or his or her designee during an approved Class I or II Special Event held in such park area and which is open to the public with no admission charge and for which no smoking has been requested by the event organizer or sponsor.

- (b) Exceptions. Upon the written request of an event organizer of an approved Class I or II Special Event, the prohibition of this section may be waived by the ~~Park and Recreation~~ **Public Health and Safety** Committee and Common Council for specified designated areas for those events where admission is restricted by the event organizer through the sale of tickets. A request for a waiver shall be submitted at least 60 days in advance of the event.

Section 6. That Section 3.12.020 Various departments to be notified - Recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 3.12 – SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

3.12.020 – Various departments to be notified – Recommendations.

The Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee shall notify the following departments of the proposed sale or disposition of any City-owned land and obtain from these departments a statement indicating whether or not such departments have objection to the sale or disposition of the property involved:

- (a) Police Department;
- (b) Fire Department;
- (c) Water Utility;
- (d) Electrical Department;
- (e) Parks, **Recreation & Forestry** Department;

- (f) Board of Public Works;
- (g) Community Development Department.

Section 7. That Section 6.52.020 Board of Park Commissioners to enforce chapter, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 6.25 – DUTCH ELM DISEASE

6.52.020 - ~~Board of Park Commissioners~~ **Parks and Recreation Committee** to enforce chapter.

The ~~Board of Parks and Recreation Committee Commissioners~~ shall carry out the provisions of this chapter. ~~It may~~ **The City may fund the** employment of a Forester or designate a municipal employee to perform the duties of Forester under Wis. Stats. ch. 27 and may authorize such Forester to perform the duties and exercise the powers imposed on the board by this chapter.

Section 8. That Section 6.52.070 Cost of tree care, is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.52.070 – Cost of tree care.

- (a) The entire cost of abating any public nuisance or spraying any elm tree or part thereof on City owned property when done at the direction of the Forester shall be borne by the City out of the **Park's, Recreation & Forestry Department's** budget.

Section 9. That Section 8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 8.08 – ANIMALS–CARE AND CONTROL

8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden.

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- (d) Exceptions.

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- (3) The prohibitions in subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to the use of goats by the ~~City of Wausau/Marathon County~~ **Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department** utilized for vegetation control or abatement purposes within City parks.
- (4) The prohibitions in subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to the display of farm animals by the ~~City of Wausau/Marathon County~~ **Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department** within a City park or on the 400 Block as part of a short term event hosted or sponsored by the department of one day or less.

Section 10. That Section 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 9.08 - WEAPONS

9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited.

No person shall throw or shoot any object, including without limitation, any arrow, stone, or other missile or projectile, by hand or by any other means, at any other person or at, in or into any building, street, sidewalk, alley, highway, park, playground or other public place within the City. This subsection shall not apply to archery ranges under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Committee, nor shall it apply to the bow hunting provisions within section 9.08.010.

Section 11. That Chapter 9.20 – Park Regulations, is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

Chapter 9.20 PARK REGULATIONS

9.20.010 Vehicle regulation.

- (a) No person shall operate any vehicle as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(74) at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour or contrary to official traffic signs in any park.
- (b) No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(35), except as provided in this subchapter, upon any paved trail, hiking trail, beach area, playground, picnic area or any other area other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps and service areas or contrary to posted notice or within any park seasonally closed to vehicular traffic.
- (c) No person shall operate a snowmobile as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(58a) in any park, except on snowmobile trails approved by or for events authorized by the Committee.
- (d) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility task vehicle (UTV) as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(2g), in any City park, except on established roads.
- (e) No other motorized vehicles other than an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility task vehicle (UTV) shall be operated on a designated ATV/UTV trail on park property with the exception of authorized personnel in the performance of their duties.
- (f) No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle, obstruction or watercraft:
 - (1) In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, sidewalk, parking lot, boat landing, waterway or winter sport facility; or

- (2) Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas; or
- (3) Contrary to posted notice.
- (g) Vehicles may be operated or parked in parks contrary to this subchapter subject to having obtained proper City permits.
- (h) Any vehicle or watercraft in violation of subsection (d) may be towed off the property and stored at the owner's expense.

9.20.020 Regulation of persons.

Persons using the public parks shall comply with the following:

- (1) Terms.
 - (a) Parks and Recreation Committee. The term "Parks and Recreation Committee", composed of five members, is the committee of jurisdiction for City of Wausau parklands, hereafter referred to as the "Committee" in this subchapter.
 - (b) City parks. The terms "City park", "Wausau parks" and "park" mean all lands and water previously and subsequently acquired by the City of Wausau for park or recreational purposes or placed under the jurisdiction of the Committee and include, without limitation, parks, boulevards, triangles, swimming pools and privately owned lands, the use of which has been granted or leased to the City for park, recreational or like public purposes under this subchapter.
 - (c) Director. The Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, whose head shall be the Director, shall be the administrative or executive agency of the Committee. The Director shall be the authorized agent of the Committee as referred to in this subchapter.
 - (d) Department. The Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is a County Department, hereafter referred to as the "Department". Per the Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Park and Recreational Services for the City of Wausau and Wisconsin Statute Section 27.075(1) Marathon County, through the Department, exercises all powers of a local, legislative, and administrative character for the purpose of governing, managing, controlling, improving and caring for public city parks, parkways, boulevards and pleasure drives in addition to County parks.
- (2) Scope. The provisions of this subchapter shall apply to all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the City of Wausau and under the management, supervision and control of the Committee.

- (3) Closing hours. No person shall enter or be in any park between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Persons in attendance of an activity involving rental of a shelter or participation in a sanctioned special event shall be allowed to remain within the park until Midnight or as allowed by the event agreement. Persons traveling on the River Edge Trail or on walkways traversing The 400 Block and persons transporting watercraft to and from designated boat landings are permitted at any hour.
- (4) Fees and Charges. No person shall use any facility, shelter, land or other area, for which a fee or charge has been established by the Committee, without payment of such fee or charge prior to the use.
- (5) Additional rules. Rules and regulations may be made governing the use and enjoyment of all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the City and under the management, supervision and control of the Department. No person shall disregard posted rules and regulations or engage in any activity contrary to posted notice. Any person who shall violate such rules and regulations or who refuses to subject himself or herself thereto may be excluded from the use of such facility. The decision of the Director to exclude individuals from the use of park facilities shall be final and the City elects not to be bound by the provisions of Wis. Stats. ch. 68, with respect to administrative procedure in this regard.

9.20.030 Pickup and drop area.

There is designated a water ski (pickup and drop area (in the Wisconsin River on the easterly side of Everest Bluegill Bay County Park for the water ski club authorized by the Park Commission to conduct water ski practices and performances.

9.20.040 Public meetings and sales.

- (1) Sales. No person shall sell or offer for sale any goods, wares or merchandise in any park, except as authorized by the Department or City of Wausau and when holding proper licenses.
- (2) Posting bills or advertising. No person shall distribute or post bills or advertisements in any park without written consent of the Committee.

9.20.050 Personal Conduct and Nuisance.

- (1) Docks and Piers. No person shall use docks or piers adjacent to any boat landing in any manner as to obstruct or hinder the launching, landing, loading or unloading of watercraft.
- (2) Obstructing. No person shall knowingly obstruct any employee or law enforcement officer while the employee or law enforcement officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority. Obstruct includes without limitation knowingly giving false information with intent to mislead the employee or law enforcement officer in the performance of duty including the issuance of any citation.

- (3) Intoxicating Liquor or fermented malt beverages on 400 Block. No person shall possess or consume intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages in or upon The 400 Block except between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.; during a Class I, II, or III Special Event upon request of the event organizer and as approved under the City's Special Events Policy and Procedures for a period beginning two hours before the time for the Class I, II, or III Special and ending one hour after the event if the event closes prior to 4:00 p.m., or such hours beginning before and ending after the event as may otherwise be approved by the Public Health and Safety Committee; or, as otherwise approved by the Public Health and Safety Committee and Common Council as provided in section 9.04.025(d).
- (4) Intoxicating Liquor or fermented malt beverages in City Parks. No person shall possess or consume intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages in any City owned park, playground, athletic field or court, swimming or wading pool except as follows:
 - (i) Between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.;
 - (ii) During a Class I, II, or III Special Event upon request of the event organizer and as approved under the City's Special Events Policy and Procedures and the period beginning two hours before the time for the event and ending one hour after the event if the event closes prior to 4:00 p.m., or such hours beginning before and ending after the event as may otherwise be approved by the Public Health & Safety Committee;
 - (iii) At campsites, park shelters or facilities reserved through the Department;
 - (iv) At Athletic Park.

9.20.060 Destruction, entry, cleaning and refuse.

- (1) Metal and glass beverage containers and carry-ins. No person shall carry into, possess, or throw any cup, glass, flask, bottle or other container made of glass or other shatterable material designed or used for holding a beverage within a park under the management of the Department including the amphitheater at Marathon Park, and the grandstand and bleachers in Athletic Park. All beverage vendors must dispense beverages at the above-listed locations in either paper or plastic cups which may be enclosed with snap-on plastic lids only.
- (2) Entry. No person shall enter in any way any building, facility or area that may be under construction or locked or closed to public use, enter or be upon any building, facility or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time or contrary to posted notice in any park.

- (3) Deface, remove or destroy. No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants or other natural growth; disturb or remove shoreline rip-rap; carve on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures; drive nails in trees or move, deface or vandalize in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables or other park property. Edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus may be picked or gathered without a permit.

9.20.070 Fires, fireworks, firearms, missiles.

- (1) Fires. No fires shall be permitted in any park other than The 400 Block, except for cooking purposes at designated places. No fires shall be permitted under or within a park shelter. No grilling shall be permitted on The 400 Block, with the exception of those special events for which waivers are granted upon the recommendation of Public Health and Safety Committee and approval of the Common Council. Open fires utilizing liquid or gas fuels may be permitted on The 400 Block with the written consent of the Committee.

9.20.080 Animals.

- (1) Animals in public facilities. No owner or person having immediate custody, care or control of any animal, shall permit said animal to enter and/or remain in or about any designated public park building, bathing beach, the Marathon County Sports Complex, the Marathon Park Amphitheater, or playground safety surface area within any City park, except for a dog specially trained to lead blind or deaf persons or to provide support for mobility-impaired persons. This restriction is in addition to the provisions contained in chapter 8.08 of the Wausau Municipal Code.
- (2) Trails. No person shall hike, walk or run or allow a dog or any other animal on groomed cross-country ski, fat tire bike and snowshoe trails, during that period of the year when such trails are open for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing in any City park unless in the case of an emergency or injury.
- (3) Removing Animals. No person shall allow a dog or other animal to intimidate any other person from the use or enjoyment of any park. Evidence that a dog or other animal intimidates persons includes, but is not limited to, such animal not being amenable to control or threatening to attack persons or other animals. Any law enforcement officer may order the animal be removed from the park.
- (4) Hunting and trapping. No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue, feed or otherwise disturb any wild animals or birds in any park, except that nuisance animals may be trapped upon written consent of the Committee or its authorized agent and in accordance with applicable state statutes and applicable provisions of the Wisconsin Administrative Code setting forth regulations of the Department of Natural Resources.

9.20.090 Athletic.

- (1) Golf. No person shall play or practice golf in any park.
- (2) Rollar skates, skateboards, and scooters. No person shall play or practice hockey, broomball or any other games or sports that may interfere with casual ice skaters, when casual skaters are present on outdoor ice skating rinks established by the Department, except hockey and broomball may be played on designated hockey rinks.

9.20.100 Camping.

- (1) Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Campground, designated. Any tract of land designated exclusively for camping.

Campground, general. Any tract of land designated for camping by camping parties.

Campground, group. A campground which may be reserved for use by an assemblage of one or more families, nonfamily groups or juvenile groups.

Camping or camp. The use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bedroll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

Camping party. Any individual, family, or nonfamily group occupying a campsite.

Camping unit. Any single shelter except bedrolls and sleeping bags used for a camp by a camping party.

Campsite. A segment of a campground which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party.

Closed shelter. Any building or structure capable of being closed to public access and reserved for public or private group activities.

Family. A camping party composed of a parent or parents with their unemancipated children.

Individual group. A camping party of not more than five unrelated persons occupying one camp site.

Juvenile group. A camping party composed of not more than ten juveniles under the leadership of an adult.

Nonfamily group. A camping party composed of five or less persons who do not meet the definition of family.

- (2) Camping. Camping is prohibited in any City park or City property maintained by the Department, except at designated campgrounds, or other areas authorized by the Committee.
- (3) Designated campgrounds. Designated campgrounds are those general and group campgrounds under the management of the Department in Big Eau Pleine, Dells of the Eau Claire and Marathon Parks.
- (4) Camping permit. No person shall set up camp prior to completing and displaying a camping permit. Marathon Park camping permits are preregistration only and must be obtained through the online registration software prior to occupying the campsite. All camping fees shall be prepaid for the permit period prior to occupying the campsite as provided in the adopted fee schedule.
- (5) Camping limited, designated campgrounds. No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain in a designated campground for a period greater than 14 consecutive days. The camping unit shall be removed from the property for at least five days after any period of stay not to exceed 14 consecutive days before being eligible to return.
- (6) Campsite occupancy.
 - (a) No more than one camping party shall occupy a single campsite.
 - (b) No camping party consisting of a nonfamily group shall exceed five persons.
- (7) Campsite changes. No camping party shall move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval.
- (8) Camping permit expiration. All camping permits expire at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.
- (9) Camping permit extensions. Extensions within the 14-day limit may be granted on camping permits. Extensions shall be obtained prior to 10:00 a.m. on the expiration date of the permit.
- (10) Campsite entry hours. No camping party shall start setting up or taking down its camping unit between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (11) Campsite parking. No person shall park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite and not more than two motor vehicles are permitted to any campsite except that as many as five motorcycles are permitted for members of a camping party registered as a nonfamily group.
- (12) Campsite reservations. Campsite reservations will be accepted only for group campgrounds and designated campsites within a general campground.
- (13) Camping party membership. No person shall obtain a camping permit for

use by a camping party of which he is not a member in a general campground.

- (14) Campsite capacity. No more than two sleeping units may occupy a campsite. Two units may consist of one travel trailer, pickup truck camper or motor home and one tent or two tents with no camper. Pickup campers or motor homes towing a trailer shall be treated as a single unit.
- (15) Camping contrary to posted notice. No person shall camp on any lands under the management, supervision or control of the Department contrary to posted notice.
- (16) Camping violations. Violation of any State law or any rules of the Department by a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit.
- (17) Campground quiet hours. No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonable sounds or noises in or adjacent to any designated campground as provided in subsection 9.04.030 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Beaches and shelters are closed after park hours except in cases of emergency.

Section 12. That Section 9.21.050 Controlled areas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 9.21 – BOATING REGULATIONS

9.21.050 - Controlled areas.

The following areas are (slow-no-wake) areas:

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(d) Within 100 feet of the boat launches at Bluegill Bay County Park, except there is designated a water ski (pickup and drop area) in the Wisconsin River on the easterly side of Bluegill Bay County Park for the Water Walkers Water Ski Shows, Inc., during times of practice and performance and for the general public at all other times;

(de) The Bluegill Bay County Park lagoon;

(ef) Within 100 feet of the boat launches at D.C. Everest County Park in the City, except there is designated a water ski (pickup and drop area) in the Wisconsin River on the easterly side of D.C. Everest County Park for the Wausauqua Water Ski Shows, Inc., during times of practice and performance and for the general public at all other times;

and relettering (f) through (j) to (g) through (k).

Section 13. That Section 10.20.080 – No parking and restricted parking areas designated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 10.20 – PARKING

10.20.080 - No parking and restricted parking areas designated.

(a) There shall be no parking in the following locations:

West Pardee Street

- North side of the street, of the 900 block from 30 feet west from the western most entrance to a point 30 feet east of the second driveway entrance of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department's facility and an area beginning 30 feet west of the eastern most entrance of the facility to a point 30 feet east of the eastern most entrance

South 7th Avenue

- West side of the street, from the north edge of the south entrance to the ~~Wausau/Marathon County~~ Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department's Operations building (900 West Pardee Street) employee parking lot, and extending northerly 47 feet

Section 14. That Section 10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 10.38 – SNOWMOBILES AND ATVS

10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property.

The City Council deems it in the public interest to permit snowmobiles and ATVs to be operated on trails on certain public property under certain conditions. Trails on City-owned or leased property upon which snowmobiles and ATVs may be operated will be so posted. The chief of Police and the ~~Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department~~ Director are charged with the responsibility of providing and erecting signs at the proper places to provide notice to snowmobilers and operators of ATVs that they may operate on the posted trails. A map of such trails will be prepared and maintained by the ~~Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department~~, a copy of which shall be posted on the Marathon County website. The Chief of Police and the ~~Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department~~ Director are granted the discretion as to which public property shall be open to snowmobiles and ATVs and under what terms and conditions. No person shall operate a snowmobile or ATV on any City-owned or leased property that is not posted or does not appear on the map. The rights, duties and obligations created in this section are subservient to those in section 10.38.010.

Section 15. That Section 12.56.030 - City Forester, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 12.56 – STREET TREES

12.56.30 - City Forester.

- (a) ~~Appointment~~ Employment. The City of Wausau ~~Park and Recreation Committee~~ may employ fund a City Forester to be employed by the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department (§ 27.09, Wis. Stats.).

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- (3) Such other powers and duties as are provided by the laws of Wisconsin, particularly Wis. Stats. §§ 27.08 and 27. 09; by ordinances of the City; and by the ~~Wausau Parks~~ and Recreation Committee.

Section 16. That Section 12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester.

A person who objects to all or a part of an order or decision of the City forester may, within eight days of receipt thereof, notify the Parks and Recreation Committee and the City Forester, in writing, of the nature of the objection and request a hearing thereon. Upon receipt of such objection, the City Forester shall stay the order or work pending the outcome of the appeal process. Within eight days of the receipt of such notice of appeal, the Parks and Recreation Committee shall schedule a hearing before the committee or its designated subcommittee to hear the objection. The hearing shall be held within eight days of notice to the appellant. The City Forester shall be present at such hearing. The appellant is entitled to be represented by counsel at appellant's expense. Within eight days after such hearing, the Parks and Recreation Committee shall, in writing, notify the appellant and the City Forester of its decision. The Parks and Recreation Committee may affirm, cancel or modify the order, in its discretion, to best conform such order to the intent of this chapter and make its report thereon to the Common Council. If the appellant objects to the decision of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the appellant may, within eight days of receipt thereof, notify the City Clerk, in writing, of the nature of the objection and request a hearing before the Common Council thereon. The Council may adopt, reject or amend the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation. The City Clerk shall notify the appellant, Parks and Recreation Committee, and City Forester, in writing, of the Council's decision.

Section 17. That Section 12.56.190 - Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.56.190 - Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs.

The entire cost of planting, removing, maintaining, and protecting trees and shrubs on all public areas of the City, when done by Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department employees or their contractors at the direction of the City Forester, shall be borne by the City out of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department budget. When a permit is issued by the City forester to plant, remove, maintain or protect trees and shrubs, pursuant to sections 12.56.070 and 12.56.080, the permittee shall incur all expenses.

Section 18. That Section 21.12.040 Preliminary plat review and recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 21.12 – PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF CITY PLATS

21.12.040 – Preliminary plat review and recommendations.

The preliminary plat shall be reviewed by the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission to determine its conformity to this title and all other City ordinances and regulations, the official map, and the master plan or comprehensive plan. Copies of the preliminary plat shall be reviewed by the City Engineer, City Planner, Director of Inspection, ~~Park~~ Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Fire Chief, and the Director of the Sewer and Water Utility for their recommendations concerning matters within their jurisdiction. Their recommendations in respect thereto shall be transmitted to the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission. The City Engineer shall coordinate the review of the preliminary plat among staff and City officials.

Section 19. That Section 21.12.080 Final plat review and recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21.12.080 - Final plat review and recommendations.

The final plat shall be reviewed by the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission to determine its conformity to this title and to all other ordinances and regulations in force when the subdivider submits a preliminary plat, or final plat if no preliminary plat is submitted, which affect the subdivision or platting of land, the approved preliminary plat, and any conditions of approval and adopted local plans. Copies of the final plat shall be reviewed by the City Project Manager, City Planner, Zoning Administrator, ~~Park~~ Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Fire Chief, and the Director of the Sewer and Water Utility for their recommendations concerning matters within their jurisdiction. Their recommendations in respect thereto shall be transmitted to the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission. The City Planner shall coordinate the review of the final plat among staff and City officials and shall notify the Clerk of any municipality within 1,000 feet of the final plat of the proposed subdivision that the City is considering.

Section 20. That Section 21.13.060 Final plat review and recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 21.13 – PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF EXTRATERRITORIAL PLATS

21.13.060 - Final plat review and recommendations.

The final plat shall be reviewed by the Plan Commission to determine its conformity to this title and all other ordinances and regulations in force when the subdivider submits a preliminary plat, or final plat if no preliminary plat is submitted, which affect the subdivision or platting of land, the approved preliminary plat, and any conditions of approval and adopted local plans. Copies of the final plat shall be reviewed by the City Project Manager, City Planner, Zoning Administrator, ~~D~~director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Fire Chief, and the Director of the Sewer and Water Utility for their recommendations concerning matters within their jurisdiction. Their

recommendations in respect thereto shall be transmitted to the Plan Commission. The City Planner shall coordinate the review of the final plat among staff and City officials.

Section 21. That Section 21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes.

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(a) Subdividers must provide for parks. In order that open space and sites for public use may be properly located and preserved as the community develops, and in order that the costs of providing the public park sites necessary to serve the additional families brought into the community by subdivision development may be most equitably proportioned on the basis of the additional need created by the individual subdivision, every subdivider who subdivides land shall dedicate a portion of such land, pay a fee, or do both as set forth as follows, for the purpose of providing park lands to serve future residents of such subdivision:

(1) Outside the corporate limits but within the City's extraterritorial plat limits, after consideration by the Plan and Park Commissions and Parks and Recreation Committee and determination by the Common Council that a portion of the plat or planned development is required for such park and recreation sites, the developers may be required to dedicate such area to the municipality having jurisdiction.

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(4) In the event that dedication would result in sites too small to be usable, or if the comprehensive plan for the City park system calls for such public sites to be located elsewhere, or if such sites would not otherwise be suitable as determined by the Common Council, after consideration by the Plan Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee, a payment of a fee in lieu of land dedication shall be required. The amount of such fee shall be as provided in section 3.40.010(a).

(5) The procedure for determining whether the subdivider is to dedicate land, pay a fee, or both, shall be as follows:

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(B) At the time of the preliminary plat map approval, acting after consideration of the recommendations of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee, Plan Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee, the Common Council shall determine, as a part of such approval, whether to require a dedication of land within a subdivision, payment of a fee in lieu thereof, or a combination of both.

Section 22. That Section 21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland.

Following a recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Committee, Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee, and Plan Commission, the Common Council may vacate parkland dedicated on a plat, certified survey map, or other instrument of description, as follows:

Section 23. That Section 23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article VIII. – LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements.

Landscaping shall be provided based on the following requirements for building foundations, paved areas, street frontages, yards, and bufferyards.

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(7) Measurement and calculation.

(a) Landscaping point values shall be doubled for mature existing landscape plantings that are retained and protected with the development of the site. Existing plantings eligible for double point values shall be determined by the City's Urban Forestry staff.

Section 24. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 25. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the day after its publication.

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Attest:	03/12/2025	Doug Diny, Mayor

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Kaitlyn A. Bernarde, Clerk