ORDINANCE NO. 26-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 32.015, 32.016, and 32.019 OF CHAPTER 32 OF TITLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-01 (COLUMBUS CITY CODE) TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS; TO UPDATE THE DESIGNATED FACILITIES LIST; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN ELECTRONIC FORM.

WHEREAS, the City desires to reduce the number of members appointed to the Board of Parks Commissioners from nine to six to improve the Board's overall effectiveness, encourage consistent participation, and to better align its structure with current operational needs; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to update the list of designated facilities under the supervision and direction of the Board of Parks Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Parks Commissioners recommended approval of the proposed changes at its November 3, 2026, meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Section 32.015 of Chapter 32 of Title III of the Columbus City Code be amended and revised to read as follows:

§ 32.015 CREATED.
There is hereby created in and for the city a Board of Parks Commissioners, consisting of six residents of the city, to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

Section 2. That Section 32.016 of Chapter 32 of Title III of the Columbus City Code be amended and revised to read as follows:

§ 32.016 APPOINTMENT; TERM.
The Mayor shall appoint, subject to the approval of the City Council, six residents of the city as members of the Board. The term of each member shall be three years. The term of such member shall begin on the first meeting in January of each year in which they are appointed. The individuals currently appointed and serving as members of the Board of Parks Commissioners shall continue serving as members of the Board of Parks Commissioners for the remainder of the terms in which they are currently serving.

Section 3. That Section 32.019 of Chapter 32 of Title III of the Columbus City Code be amended and revised to read as follows:

§32.019 DESIGNATION.
The following tracts of ground are hereby designated as those facilities subject to the supervision and direction of the Board of Parks Commissioners:

(A)In the city:

Grounds	Address
Airport Park	18th Avenue and Bill Babka Drive
Air Vista Park	27th Street and 7th Avenue
Aquatic Center	1783 10th Avenue
Berne Square	6th Street and 26th Avenue
Bradshaw Park	1577 48th Avenue
Buffalo Square	6th Street and 15th Avenue
Centennial Park	5th Street and 7th Avenue
Fountain Square	13th Street and 39th Avenue
Frankfort Square	13th Street and 27th Avenue
Frontier Park	1818 Armory Drive
Gerrard Park	27th Street and 45th Avenue
Glur Park	28th Street and 26th Avenue
Gruenther Park	21st Street and Gruenther Drive
Hanover Square	14th Street and 15th Avenue
Pawnee Park	6th Street and 33rd Avenue
Pawnee Plunge Waterpark	560 33rd Avenue
Quail Run Golf Course	327 5th Street
Sock Pond	1062 48th Avenue
Sunset Park	3974 41st Avenue
Van Berg Municipal Golf Course	560 Van Berg Drive
Wilderness Park	4200 18th Avenue

(B)Outside the city:

Grounds	Address
Bark Park	6162 18th Avenue

Section 4**.** This ordinance shall repeal all ordinances or portions thereof and in conflict herewith.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law. Publication shall be in electronic form as authorized by §16-405 of Nebraska Revised Statutes with distribution to be made by making copies available to the public upon request at the city office.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KATHERINE LOPEZ

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

/s/ James B. Bulkley
MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/ Shuraya Choat
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Neal Valorz
CITY ATTORNEY

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