

A Resolution

NO. _____

ADOPTING THE 2025 GREENPRINT FORT WORTH: PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND PUBLIC REALM MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

WHEREAS, in 1909, the first Park Master Plan, authored by George Kessler, was adopted by the City of Fort Worth Park Board, and successive Park Master Plans by Hare and Hare were adopted in 1930 and 1957; and

WHEREAS, these plans laid the foundation for the park system in Fort Worth and, on November 10, 1992, the City Council adopted a Strategic Plan for the Fort Worth Park and Recreation Department to guide the management of its resources;

WHEREAS, on June 30, 1998, the City Council adopted the 1998 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, which included the first locally determined needs-based standards in the history of the Parks and Community Services Department;

WHEREAS, in 2000, the City Council adopted the first City of Fort Worth Comprehensive Plan, which serves as the umbrella plan for all City services, growth, and development;

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the 2004 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan on June 22, 2004, along with an update to that plan on February 9, 2010, incorporating them both by reference into the City's Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the 2015 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan on January 27, 2015, along with an update to that plan on June 23, 2020, incorporating them both by reference into the City's Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the adoption of a new Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan every ten years is vital to the City's ability to remain competitive for outside funding for capital improvements, renovations, and maintenance of the City's park system, including funding from state grants administered by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department;

WHEREAS, in preparation for the 2025 GREENprint Fort Worth: Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Public Realm Master Plan ("GREENprint Fort Worth"), the Park & Recreation Department commissioned a Needs Assessment Study for use in setting local standards; prioritizing park, recreation and open space needs both city-wide and within each of the City's five (5) Park Planning Districts; and developing an action plan to comply with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's grant guidelines;

WHEREAS, GREENprint Fort Worth builds upon the legacy of planning and stewardship and provides for assessments, standards, objectives, priorities, recommendations, strategies and actions that will guide the development of the park, recreation, open space and public realm system for the next ten years;

WHEREAS, the Good Natured Greenspace Initiative, launched by Mayor Mattie Parker in October of 2023, also provides guidance related to the preservation and conservation of natural areas;

WHEREAS, GREENprint Fort Worth includes, among other things, a reimagined vision and mission statement, goals, transformative ideas, objectives and strategies, along with an implementation plan;

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2025, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board unanimously endorsed the GREENprint Fort Worth Master Plan;

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2025 the City Plan Commission unanimously endorsed the 2025 Master Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS THAT:

1. The vision and mission statement, goals, transformative ideas, objectives and strategies, and implementation plan of the 2025 GREENprint Fort Worth: Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Public Realm Master Plan are officially adopted as the standards and classifications for the City of Fort Worth park, recreation, and open space system; and
2. The 2025 GREENprint Fort Worth: Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Public Realm Master Plan for the City of Fort Worth is hereby officially adopted as the guide for allocation of resources for the improvement and continued development of Fort Worth's park, recreation, and open space system; and
3. The 2025 GREENprint Fort Worth: Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Public Realm Master Plan for the City of Fort Worth is hereby incorporated as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan; and
4. This resolution shall be effective from and after its passage by the City Council.

Adopted this **13th** day of **MAY 2025**.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary