

# A Resolution

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## ADOPTING AN UPDATE TO THE 2015 PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE 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 respectively; 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; and

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, for a number of years, the Department has conducted periodic Needs Assessment Studies for use in setting local standards; prioritizing park, recreation and open space needs both City-wide and by Park Planning District; and developing an action plan to comply with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's grant guidelines; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2015 the City Council adopted the current Master Plan and incorporated it by reference into the City's Comprehensive Plan. Revisions to update the 2015 Master Plan have been prepared to address accomplishments achieved, update demographics, and ratify priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, in preparation for the 2020 update to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, 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 Park Planning Districts; and developing an action plan to comply with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's grant guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, revisions to update the Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan have been prepared to address changes that have occurred in the City over the last five years and to maintain the City's eligibility for state park grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Plan Commission endorsed the update to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan on May 27, 2020; and



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

1. The update to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan for the City of Fort Worth is hereby officially adopted to reflect accomplishments that have been achieved during that period, and to update demographics and prioritize park system needs; and
2. The updated Park, Recreation and Open Space 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 updated Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan for the City of Fort Worth is hereby incorporated as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan; and
4. The adoption of this updated Master Plan supersedes previous park, recreation and open space master plans to the extent the provisions of the update are in direct conflict with such other park, recreation and open space master plan.

Adopted this 23rd day of June 2020.

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Kayser, City Secretary

