ORDINANCE NO. 458

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING TERM LIMITS, REMOVING THE ALTERNATE MEMBER, AND ADDING TWO YOUTH MEMBERS TO THE PARKS BOARD; AND AMENDING SHORELINE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.55.

WHEREAS, The City of Shoreline established term limits of two consecutive terms for appointees to the Parks Board when this advisory body was created; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Council reappointment process for new terms protects the City’s interest in diverse viewpoints and citizen opportunity to serve without arbitrarily sacrificing valuable experience and expertise with excessive limits on consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, the youth of our community are primary users of parks, trails and recreational programs and their representation on the Parks Board should be encouraged and assured; now therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Shoreline Municipal Code 2.55.020 is amended as follows:

Only persons who reside in the city of Shoreline, own property there, or are employed in Shoreline shall be eligible for membership on the parks, recreation and cultural services board. The board shall consist of nine to eleven regular members, and one alternate member. The alternate member shall have all of the duties of regular members and fully participate in board meetings, except the alternate member may not vote on action items unless a regular member is absent. Only persons who reside, own property or are employed in the city of Shoreline shall be eligible for membership on the parks, recreation and cultural services board. Two members shall be between the ages of fifteen and nineteen at the beginning of their term in addition to meeting other eligibility requirements. Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses pursuant to city ordinances and policies. The position of a member shall become vacant upon such member’s ceasing to reside within, own property within, or be employed within the Shoreline city limits. The position of a member shall be forfeited and become vacant for failure to attend three regular consecutive meetings of the board, unless such absence is excused by a majority of the board. Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired terms in the same manner as for appointments as provided in this chapter.

Regular members shall serve four-year terms; provided however, that youth appointed to the two age-restricted positions shall serve two-year terms; the alternate member shall serve a two-year term. Regular members shall serve no more than three consecutive four-year terms, and youth members shall be limited to two consecutive two-year terms. To allow for the staggering of terms for the initial parks, recreation and
cultural services board and appointment or re-appointment as appropriate, the initial terms for regular members shall be as follows: four members for terms of two years and five members for terms of four years. Terms shall expire the thirty-first day of March. No board member shall serve more than 10 consecutive years.

Section 2. Implementation. The amendments of Section 1 of this ordinance changing the limits on consecutive terms shall take effect with the effective date of this ordinance. The amendments of Section 1 changing the membership of the board shall be implemented as follows:

a. The removal of the alternate member from board membership shall take effect at the expiration of the two-year term of the current alternate member.

b. One of the two additional positions to the board to be filled by members satisfying youth qualifications shall be added on April 1, 2007; the second shall be added on April 1, 2009.

Section 3. Publication, Effective Date. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days after passage and publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 12, 2007.

Mayor Robert L. Ransom

ATTEST:

Scott Passey
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ian Sievers
City Attorney

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