
Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 1/18/2022

Title: Revised Parks & Recreation Ordinance - Waive the First Reading

File Number: 2022-006

Background and Rationale:

The Ramsey County Parks & Recreation Ordinance (Park Ordinance) was adopted in 1992 and last amended in 2007. The purpose is to promote the safety, health, enjoyment, and welfare of everyone in their use of parks, and to protect park property and resources. The Park Ordinance requires routine updating to stay current and align with community needs. The ordinance revision process aims to:

- Respond to long-standing community feedback about park access.
- View the ordinance through a racial equity lens.
- Modernize the ordinance and address contemporary park issues.
- Make changes that result in an ordinance that is equitable, consistent and streamlined; promotes greater enjoyment of the parks; ensures user safety; and protects park facilities, property and natural resources.

The ordinance procedures in the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter require that a date for a public hearing will be set at the time of the first reading and the date shall be no sooner than 10 days after the first reading. In accordance with these requirements, the proposed revised Ramsey County Parks & Recreation Ordinance was provided to each commissioner on January 10, 2022 prior to its introduction on January 18, 2022.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Waive the first reading of the revised Parks & Recreation Ordinance.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Carter.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By: 
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board