
Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 1/18/2022

Title: Revised Parks & Recreation Ordinance - Set Public Hearing
Date

File Number: 2022-007

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 for everyone to enjoy.

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 and Recreation Ordinance was provided to each commissioner on January 10, 2022 prior to its introduction on January 18, 2022.

A notification of the public hearing, which includes the draft ordinance, will be publicized in advance of the public hearing. This action sets the date of the Public Hearing as February 8, 2022 at 9:00 am, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers.

Persons who intend to testify are encouraged to sign up online at ramseycounty.us/chiefclerk or contact the Chief Clerk at 651-266-8014 prior to Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

There will be limited space in the Council Chambers for in-person testimony due to social distancing requirements and masks will be required. If in-person testimony is not feasible, comments may alternatively be provided via the following methods:

- Virtually via Zoom webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/92175606811?pwd=dkwxbExCSXVjVys0VnlwdEFWckJtQT09>
Webinar ID: 921 7560 6811 | Passcode: 363527 | Phone: 651-372-8299
- Email: chiefclerk@ramseycounty.us
- Phone: 651-266-8014
- Written letter to: Chief Clerk, 15 Kellogg Blvd West, 250 Courthouse, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Set the date and time of February 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers of the Ramsey County Courthouse, for the Public Hearing on adopting amendments to the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation Ordinance to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the ordinance amendments.

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

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

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board