

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, OREGON
ORDINANCE NO. 6484 (GENERAL)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT'S 2023 PARK AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS THE RECREATION ELEMENT OF THE SPRINGFIELD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AMENDING THE EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN AREA GENERAL PLAN TO REPEAL THE 2012 PARK AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TO ADD REFERENCE TO THE SPRINGFIELD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECREATION ELEMENT, ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Willamalane Park and Recreation District (Willamalane) is a special service district formed to provide park and recreation services for the residents within its district;

WHEREAS, Willamalane's district boundary encompasses Springfield city limits, Springfield's urbanizable area, and adjacent areas;

WHEREAS, a 1995 Intergovernmental Agreement between Willamalane and the City of Springfield establishes Willamalane as the agency responsible for preparing, maintaining, and updating a comprehensive plan for parks, recreation services, and open spaces for the purpose of Oregon Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 8;

WHEREAS, in 2013, Springfield adopted Willamalane's 2012 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*, which replaced Willamalane's prior versions of the *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*;

WHEREAS, the 2012 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* was adopted as a refinement to the *Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan)*;

WHEREAS, Willamalane updates its *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* based on a 10-year update cycle;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Committee for Citizen Involvement approved a Community Engagement Plan on April 5, 2022 to inform Willamalane's development of its 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*;

WHEREAS, Willamalane presented the results of its Community Needs Assessment to the Springfield and Lane County Planning Commissions on November 15, 2022, to the Springfield City Council on November 21, 2022, and to the Lane County Board of County Commissioners on November 29, 2022 and sought input on from these officials to inform the 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*;

WHEREAS, Willamalane's Board of Directors adopted the 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* on September 13, 2023 and subsequently submitted the 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* to Springfield and Lane County for review and adoption;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of adopting the portion of the 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* within Springfield's planning jurisdiction, staff considered the applicability and functions of the *Springfield Comprehensive Plan* and the *Metro Plan*;

WHEREAS, as required by ORS 197A.278 (previously ORS 197.304), in 2011 the City of Springfield and Lane County adopted the Springfield urban growth boundary and have since been co-adopting elements of the *Springfield Comprehensive Plan* to refine or replace portions of the *Metro Plan*;

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* as an element of the *Springfield Comprehensive Plan* is an action consistent with pages iii and iv of the *Metro Plan*, which provide a basis for Springfield's evolution to a city-specific comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, the proposed text amendment of the *Metro Plan's* Parks and Recreation Facilities Element clarifies Willamalane's role in providing park and recreation services in the Springfield area and clarifies the relationship between the *Metro Plan*, the *Springfield Comprehensive Plan*, and Willamalane's *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*;

WHEREAS, the 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* fulfills a specific aspect of comprehensive planning within the broader framework established by the Oregon Statewide Land Use Planning Goals, the *Metro Plan*, and the *Springfield Comprehensive Plan*;

WHEREAS, Lane County must co-adopt the changes to the *Springfield Comprehensive Plan* and *Metro Plan* pursuant to Type 4 legislative amendment procedures specified in the Springfield Development Code and pursuant to the review procedures specified for amendments to the *Metro Plan*;

WHEREAS, the City of Eugene received notice from the City of Springfield on September 20, 2023 regarding the proposed adoption process of the 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*, and on October 4, 2023 Eugene returned a response opting out of the proceedings to review and adopt the 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*;

WHEREAS, the Springfield and Lane County Planning Commissions conducted a joint public hearing on April 2, 2024 on the proposed 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* and associated amendments to the *Metro Plan* and adoption as part of the *Springfield Comprehensive Plan*;

WHEREAS, the Springfield and Lane County Planning Commissions forwarded recommendations to the Springfield City Council and Lane County Board of County Commissioners to adopt the 2023 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* and associated amendments for application within the city limits of Springfield and outside the city limits of Springfield for areas within the *Metro Plan* boundary and Springfield urban growth boundary;

WHEREAS, Section 5.14.100 of the Springfield Development Code specifies the requirements for amendments to the *Metro Plan* and *Springfield Comprehensive Plan*;

WHEREAS, substantial evidence exists within the record that the proposed amendments meet these requirements, including the findings demonstrating consistency with applicable procedures and approval criteria contained within the staff report attached as Exhibit C, incorporated herein and adopted in support of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and Lane County Board conducted a joint public hearing on June 10, 2024 with the Lane County Board of County Commissioners and is now ready to take action based on the recommendation and evidence in the record and based on the evidence and testimony presented at the June 10, 2024 hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The *Willamalane Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* (September 13, 2023), as more particularly described and set forth in Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference, is hereby adopted as the Recreation Element of the *Springfield Comprehensive Plan*.

Section 2. The text amendments to the *Metro Plan*, as more particularly described and set forth in Exhibit B and incorporated by this reference, are hereby adopted.

Section 3. The *Metro Plan* is hereby amended to repeal the 2012 *Willamalane Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* as a refinement plan of the *Metro Plan*.

Section 4. The findings set forth in Exhibit C to this Ordinance are incorporated by this reference adopted in support of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Savings Clause. Except as specifically amended herein, the *Springfield Comprehensive Plan* and *Metro Plan* shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 6. Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Section 7. Effective date of Ordinance. The effective date of this Ordinance is as provided in the Chapter IX of the Springfield Charter and Section 2.110 of the Springfield Municipal Code, 30 days from the date of passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor; or upon the date that an ordinance is enacted by the Lane County Board of County Commissioners approving the same amendments as provided in Sections 1 through 3 of this Ordinance; or upon acknowledgment under ORS 197.625; whichever occurs last.

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Springfield this 1st day of July, 2024, by a vote of 6 for and 0 against.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Springfield this 1st day of July, 2024.

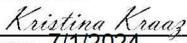


Mayor

ATTEST:



City Recorder

REVIEWED & APPROVED
AS TO FORM

DATE: 7/1/2024
SPRINGFIELD CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE