

Chapter 2.44 PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD

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2.44.010 Definitions.

Words used in this chapter and Chapter [3.54](#) BMC shall be defined as follows:

- A. “Board” means the park and cemetery board.

- B. “Park” means an area of land used for public recreational purposes, including landscaped tracts, picnic grounds, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreational centers and all other recreational facilities for the use and benefit of the public, including municipal buildings so used.

- C. “Cemetery” means any one, or a combination of more than one, of the following, in a place used, or intended to be used, and dedicated, for cemetery purpose:
 - 1. A burial park, for earth interments;

 - 2. A mausoleum, for crypt interments;

 - 3. A columbarium, for permanent cinerary interments. (Ord. 2324 § 2, 1997; Ord. 2246 § 2(a), 1996; Ord. 1394 § 1, 1974; prior code § 2-201)

2.44.020 Composition – Terms – Appointment.

- A. Seven board members shall constitute the park and cemetery board. They shall be appointed by the city council pursuant to Chapter [2.08](#) BMC, as adopted and amended.

- B. At the next regular meeting of the park and cemetery board following the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section, the board members presently in office shall determine by lot whose terms shall expire in four years, three years, two years, and one year, respectively. Thereafter, the term of office for each appointive member shall be four years. The board shall determine which member shall serve as chairperson. (Ord. 2611 § 1, 2005; Ord. 2324 § 3, 1997; Ord. 2025 § 3, 1991; Ord. 2020 § 3, 1991; Ord. 1394 § 2, 1974; prior code § 2-202)

2.44.030 Officers – Meetings – Rules – Records.

The board shall annually elect its own chairman and create and fill such other offices as it may determine it requires. The board shall hold at least one meeting per month during 10 calendar months each year. It

shall adopt rules for transaction of business, and it shall keep a record of its meetings, which record shall be open to public inspection. (Ord. 1394 § 3, 1974; prior code § 2-203)

2.44.040 Quorum – Majority rule.

Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action taken by a majority of those present at any regular or special meeting shall be deemed as the action of the board. (Ord. 2611 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1394 § 3, 1974; prior code § 2-203)

2.44.050 Responsibility of board.

A. The board shall be entrusted with the responsibilities of advising and making recommendations to the city council for the management, control, improvement and beautification of all public squares, parklets and parks of the city and of all park drives, parkways, boulevards, play and recreation grounds and facilities. The board shall also periodically review whether the lands being used for park purposes are adequate and shall recommend to the council, when necessary, what additional lands and grounds should be acquired and used for park purposes, and shall share responsibility for total park design in Blaine.

B. The board shall also recommend to the council appropriate measures to ensure that the city has a well-integrated and complete program for this use of its parks and playgrounds and to accomplish this end the board shall from time to time meet with the appropriate city employees and with the officials of other groups who make use of city parks and playgrounds.

C. The board shall be entrusted with the responsibility of advising and making recommendations to the city council as to the management and control of the city's cemetery property. (Ord. 2324 § 4, 1997; Ord. 2246 § 2(b), 1996; Ord. 1394 § 4, 1974; prior code § 2-204)

2.44.060 City power to acquire park lands.

The city shall have power, by ordinance, to acquire property for park purposes by gift, bequest, devise, donation, purchase, condemnation or other process, in accordance with law; provided, that any mortgage or other obligation given in payment for land for park purposes shall not be a personal or general liability against the city, but shall be and remain a liability against the property so acquired only. (Ord. 1394 § 6, 1974; prior code § 2-206)

2.44.070 Annual report.

Repealed by Ord. 2324. (Ord. 1394 § 7, 1974; prior code § 2-207)

2.44.080 Budget estimates.

The board shall submit to the city manager or his/her designee each year, on or before the last Monday in August, an estimate of the amount of money required by the department to carry on its activities for the ensuing year and recommendations for the development of the program and facilities as it may deem advisable, for the information and guidance of the city council in preparing the budget for the operation and maintenance of the city parks, recreational program, cemetery and necessary facilities and the acquisition of property needed therefor. (Ord. 2324 § 6, 1997; Ord. 1394 § 8, 1974; prior code § 2-208)