

Petition To Form a Metropolitan Park District in University Place

Summary:

A Petition to Form a Metropolitan Park District to operate Parks and Recreation programs. The MPD may pursue control of assets now owned by the City of University Place.

Should this District be formed?

Yes

No

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Full Text of Petition:

An initiative to City of University Place residents for Formation of a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) within the City boundaries. The MPD shall operate an on-going suite of Recreation programs. The MPD may also pursue control (by ownership transfer or other agreement) of Parks and Recreation assets now owned by, or reserved for, the City of University Place, and purchase from other entities.

The District will be a separate jurisdiction governed by a 5-member Board of Commissioners, elected at large for staggered terms. The MPD will have the powers assigned to such Districts by state law, including the ability to generate dedicated (Park & Recreation Only) funding by annual levy of general property taxes, capped by law at \$0.75 per \$1,000 assessed value, although the MPD Board can reduce the amount collected.

The MPD must obtain separate voter approval in the future if it proposes to issue bonds to fund Parks and Recreation Facilities, for instance, to raise capital for relocating and enlarging Community Center Facilities; developing Parks, Sport Fields, and Playgrounds in underserved areas of the District: expanding Trails; improving Waterfront Access; preserving Cultural and Historic Landmarks; and protecting Natural Areas, Creeks, and Corridors.