

III. ORDINANCE # 130

ORDINANCE CREATING COUNTY WIDE PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A COUNTY WIDE PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE CITIES OF OWENTON, MONTEREY AND GRATZ, AND THE COUNTY OF OWEN, KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS, by virtue of Chapter 97 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the development, maintenance, and operation of parks, playgrounds, and recreational centers is a proper governmental function of all cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, two (2) or more cities or any city and county, may jointly establish, maintain, and conduct a park and recreation system; and

WHEREAS, the City Councils of the cities of Owenton, Monterey and Gratz and the Owen County Fiscal Court wish to join together to establish a county-wide park, playground and recreation system pursuant to KRS Chapter 97,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the legislative bodies of the cities of Owenton, Monterey and Gratz, and the Fiscal Court of the County of Owen as follows:

Section .001 ESTABLISHMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of KRS 97.010, there is hereby established the Community Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Commission. The Commission shall be possessed with all the powers and duties of KRS 97.010 to 97.050.

Statutory reference:

Establishment, see KRS 97.010; KRS 97.035

Section .002 COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT

The Owen County Parks & Recreation Commission shall be composed of a minimum of nine (9) members and a maximum of fourteen (14). Two (2) shall be appointed by the Fiscal Court, two (2) shall be appointed by the City of Owenton, two (2) shall be appointed by the Owen County School Board, and one (1) each shall be appointed by the cities of Monterey and Gratz. The Owen County Chamber of Commerce shall have one (1) appointment for a one-year term. Also, the Owen County Little League Baseball board and Owen County Soccer Board shall have one (1) appointment for a one-year term. The Owen County Judge/Executive and the Mayor of Owenton shall serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission on an ex-officio basis. These positions will also be on a yearly rotating basis.

Appointments shall be made effective July 1 of each year, except the original terms shall be staggered. New appointments, re-appointments, or appointments to fill vacancies shall be made so as to continue the staggered pattern.

Initial appointments shall be made as follows:

City of Owenton -	2 (two) Appointments:	1 to serve a one (1) year term. 1 to serve a three (3) year term.
City of Monterey -	1 (one) Appointment:	1 to serve a two (2) year term.
City of Gratz -	1 (one) Appointment:	1 to serve a two (2) year term.
Owen Co. Fiscal Court -	2 (two) Appointments:	1 to serve a one (1) year term. 1 to serve a three (3) year term.
Owen Co. School Board-	2 (two) Appointments:	1 to serve a two (2) year term. 1 to serve a three (3) year term.
Owen Co. Chamber -	1 (one) Appointment:	1 to serve a one (1) year term.
Owen Co. Little League-	1 (one) Appointment:	1 to serve a one (1) year term.
Owen Co. Soccer League-	1 (one) Appointment:	1 to serve a one (1) year term.

The groups with two (2) appointments shall designate which of their respective two (2) appointees shall initially serve one (1) and three (3) year terms.

The Parks & Recreation Commission may appoint up to three (3) at large members to reach the maximum of fourteen (14) members.

Statutory reference: KRS 97.035

Section .003 QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS

Each person appointed to the Owen County Parks & Recreation Commission shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall be a bona fide resident of the city or county he or she represents for at least one (1) year preceding the appointment.

Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled for unexpired terms by appointment of the authority appointing the member whose office is vacant. When a vacancy occurs other than through expiration of the term of office, it shall be filled for the remainder of that term.

Statutory reference: KRS 97.035

Section .004 COMPENSATION

All members of the Owen County Parks and Recreation Commission shall serve without compensation, but reimbursement of the necessary expenses incurred by the members of the Commission in the performance of their duties is authorized.