

1 **40.260.157 Parks (Neighborhood, Community and Regional Parks)**

2 A. Purpose. ~~Neighborhood~~ Parks provide access to basic recreation opportunities for residents, enhance  
3 ~~neighborhood~~ community identity, and preserve ~~neighborhood~~ open space. These provisions are intended to:

- 4 1. Allow flexibility in the use and development of ~~neighborhood~~ parks.
- 5 2. Recognize that demographics and program needs change over time, and that alterations to ~~neighborhood~~  
6 parks respond to those changes.
- 7 3. Maintain compatibility with surrounding ~~residential~~ areas.

8 B. Applicability. The provisions of this section apply to development of ~~neighborhood~~ parks as defined in ~~Section~~  
9 40.100.070.

10 C. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

11 Trails “Trails” are any path, route, way, right-of-way, or corridor posted, signed, or designated as open for non-  
12 motorized travel or passage by the general public. Five trail types are identified in the Regional Trails and Bikeways  
13 System Plan (2006) and include regional, multi-use trails, local trails, rustic trails, semi-primitive trails, and bike  
14 lanes and pedestrian walkways.

15 Trailhead “Trailhead” is the place where a trail begins. Trailheads may include signage on rules and regulations  
16 and trail orientation, parking, restroom facilities, water fountains, bike racks, and recycling/trash receptacles, and  
17 necessary specialized unloading features (ADA accessibility, equestrian facilities, etc.) where feasible.

18 Greenways “Greenways” are corridors that follow linear features such as streams, abandoned railroad rights-of-  
19 way, or power lines. Greenways often contain trails and may also include viewpoints, seating areas, and interpretive  
20 displays. Greenways provide public access to trial-oriented activities, including walking, biking or running and  
21 preserve open space.  
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23 Open space/Natural Areas “Open space/natural areas” are primarily undeveloped spaces, which are managed for  
24 both their natural, ecological value and for light-impact recreational use. These areas can range in size from one to  
25 thousands of acres, and may include wetlands, wildlife habitats, or stream corridors. Natural areas and open space  
26 provide opportunities for nature-based recreation, such as bird watching and environmental education. Natural areas  
27 also provide opportunities for active recreation such as walking and running, bicycle riding, and hiking. These lands  
28 can provide relief from urban density and may also preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas, such as  
29 endangered animal habitat and native plant communities.

30 Recreation Space “Recreation Space” ~~means an area that shall be improved and maintained for its intended use.~~  
31 refers to exterior as well as interior areas that constitute recreation space. Examples of usable recreation space  
32 include swimming pools, community buildings, interior gyms, picnic areas, tennis courts, community gardens,  
33 improved playgrounds, paths, passive seating areas, fields, arenas, amphitheaters, event centers, community centers,  
34 shooting and archery ranges.

35 D. Review Process. Table 40.260.157-3 shows required levels of review. Each park is subject to Section 40.520.040  
36 (Site Plan Review) and Chapter 40.510 (Type I, II, and III processes). Community and Regional Parks are also  
37 subject to 40.520.030 (Conditional Use).

<b>Table 40.260.157-3. Park Site Plan Review</b>			
	<u>Neighborhood Park</u>	<u>Community Park</u>	<u>Regional Park</u>
<u>Site Plan Review</u>	<u>Type I</u>	<u>Type IIA</u>	<u>Type III-conditional use hearings officer</u>

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CE. Amenities.

a. Neighborhood Parks typically include, but are not limited to, the following amenities:

- “P”-Amenities allowed subject to approval of applicable permits.
- “X”-Uses specifically prohibited.

<b>Table 40.260.157-1. Uses</b>			
	<u>Neighborhood Park</u>	<u>Community Park</u>	<u>Regional Park</u>
<u>1. Open lawn areas for informal recreational areas</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>2. Backstops (for informal baseball play)</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>3. Playgrounds</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>3. Walking/jogging/biking pathways (paved, crushed rock or natural)</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>5. Bicycle racks</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>6. Benches</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>7. Paved plazas</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>8. Sport courts and skate spots</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>9. Picnic areas</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>10. Small shelters (picnic or gazebo type)</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>11. Built-in game (e.g., chess/checkers) tables</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>12. Drinking fountains</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>13. Trash receptacles</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>14. Exterior fencing</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>15. Community gardens</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>16. Rain gardens</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>17. Landscaped beds</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Table 40.260.157-1. Uses			
	<u>Neighborhood Park</u>	<u>Community Park</u>	<u>Regional Park</u>
<u>18. Canopy/shade trees</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>19. Natural areas</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>20. Restrooms</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>21. Parking</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>22. Archery and shooting ranges</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>23. Sports Fields</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

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2 ~~DE.~~ Neighborhood pParks are subject to approval criteria in Section 40.520.040 and the following:

3 1. Parking Requirements.

4 (A) Community and Regional Parks: The minimum number of on-site parking spaces shall be calculated by  
 5 using peak rate of trips generated as established by a submitted traffic study. Parking may be provided by  
 6 either of the following methods: On-site parking meeting requirements in Section 40.340.010.

7 a. ~~On site parking meeting requirements in Section 40.340.010; or~~

8 (B) Neighborhood Parks: The minimum number of parking spaces shall be calculated by using peak rate  
 9 of trips generated as established by a submitted traffic study. Parking may be provided in either of the  
 10 following methods:

11 a. On-site parking meeting requirement in Section 40.340, or

12 b. On-street with submittal of a parking plan showing:

13 (1) Parking spaces located within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the park they are intended to serve; and

14 (2) A safe walking route from identified parking spaces to the park.

15 2. Impact Fees. ~~Neighborhood parks shall not be subject to traffic impact fees (TIF). TIF fees for Community~~  
 16 ~~and Regional Parks shall be calculated in accordance with 40.620.~~

Table 40.260.157-2. Parks and Traffic Impact Fees			
	<u>Neighborhood Park</u>	<u>Community Park</u>	<u>Regional Park</u>
<u>Traffic Impact Fee</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

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18 ~~EG.~~ Accessibility requirements, as adopted by reference in Section 14.01.010, shall be reviewed and approved by  
 19 the Chief Building Official and shall apply to all structures and facilities; accessible routes thereto, including  
 20 parking, public ways, and public services; and their surrounding areas serving the structures and facilities within a  
 21 neighborhood park. Areas outside of these, such as trails and secondary entrances, are not subject to approval under  
 22 Section 14.01.010, but shall be in compliance with Washington State Building Code, 2004 ADA-ABA, or other  
 23 applicable state and national standard and any subsequent revisions.

24 ~~F. Process. Neighborhood parks are subject to a Type I site plan review process.~~

25 ~~GH.~~ Alteration to Approved Plan. Changes or additions to an approved neighborhood parks plan may occur at any  
 26 time without further site plan review; provided:

- 1 1. The alteration replaces any typical amenity identified in Section 40.260.157(C) with another amenity, other  
2 than sport courts or skate spots, listed in said section. Sport courts and skate spots require additional review to  
3 ensure compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood.
- 4 2. The proposed change involves addition of an amenity, other than sports courts and skate spots, identified in  
5 Section 40.260.157(C).
- 6 3. Any change or alteration does not expand onto an abutting property which was not considered in the  
7 original site plan review application.
- 8 4. A modified site plan showing the change/addition is filed with the responsible official.
- 9 5. These provisions do not relieve the property owner from compliance with building, fire, health, life safety,  
10 accessibility, critical areas, or other development requirements of the code.
- 11 (Added: Ord. 2011-12-09)