ORDINANCE NO. 2875

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PARK BENCH DONATIONS FOR PARK SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND USE THE DONATIONS FOR SAID PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, several citizens in favor of the purchase have indicated their desire to donate funds for benches to enhance the City’s park system to help offset the purchase price; and

WHEREAS, other cities in the area have established a successful donation program; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.21.100 provides that cities may accept donations by ordinance and may carry out the terms of the donations if such terms are within the City’s powers granted by law, and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the timely acceptance of donations, the Issaquah City Council has decided to pass this ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept donations of funds and to use the same to offset the City’s cost of purchasing and managing park benches for enhancement of the park system; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Establishment of Program – Amendment. A park bench donation program is hereby established as provided in Exhibit A attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full. The Mayor is hereby authorized to make changes to the terms of the donation program as long as the changes are consistent with the program’s intent.

Section 2. Mayor’s Authority to Accept Donations. The Mayor is hereby authorized to accept donations from the public for the purpose of offsetting the City’s costs of
purchasing benches for the City's park system. The Mayor is authorized to carry out the terms of
the donations made as long as the terms are consistent with the park bench donation program
adopted by this ordinance, as the same may be amended, i.e., to apply the donations toward the
purchase price and associated costs for a bench program and maintenance by City for management
of a bench donation program to enhance the City's park system.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this
ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other
section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of
the title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in full
force five (5) days after publication.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Issaquah, the 3rd day of September 2019.

Approved by the Mayor of the City of Issaquah, the 3rd day of September 2019.

MARY LOU PAULY, MAYOR

ATTEST.AUTHENTICATED:

CHRISTINE L. EGERS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JAMES E. HANEY, CITY ATTORNEY
The City of Issaquah’s Bench Donation Program is a wonderful way to give. Your gift will be enjoyed by many in our community and your contribution is a way to enhance the City’s park system. Your contribution will be recognized with a personal message on a plaque mounted to the bench.

PROCESS
Inquiries about the Bench Donation Program can be made with the City of Issaquah Parks & Recreation, Park Planning and Development staff. The donor will work with staff to determine a preferred location for the bench prior to submitting an application.

Once your submitted application form is approved and payment is made, your donation bench is estimated to take 1-4 months for installation depending on lead time to procure the bench/plaque, seasonal variations in workload and weather impacts. The bench donor will be contacted a minimum of 3 days prior to installation. Upon installation, the bench shall vest with the City.

BENCH COST
The bench donation cost is $3,000 and includes the purchase of a new bench, plaque, concrete pad, installation and routine maintenance and repair.

After the application has been approved you will be contacted for payment information. Check, Visa and Mastercard are accepted. Checks are to be made payable to the City of Issaquah. Payment must be made in full prior to bench/plaque purchase and refunds will not be issued.

BENCH STYLES
Bench styles are predetermined and specific to each park according to the park’s master plan and/or City standard.

PLAQUE
Your donation will be recognized by the placement of a plaque that will be mounted on the backrest of the bench with a text only inscription that you select and is approved by the City.

BENCH LOCATION
The department will provide the preapproved locations for a new or replacement of an existing bench, based on needs and site usage demands. You may choose one of the preapproved bench locations or make a request to obtain approval for a new location. Please note that benches may only be installed on City of Issaquah property and some sites may be unavailable for bench placement.

BENCH MAINTENANCE
The City will maintain the donated bench for its natural lifetime, estimated to be approximately 15 years. Should vandalism occur, the City will make every effort to make furnishings whole. If the bench becomes too unsafe to sit on or if it is vandalized beyond repair or in a manner that makes it visually unacceptable or it no longer meets City standards, removal of the bench is at the sole discretion of the City. The City may remove, relocate and shall otherwise have sole control over the donated bench.

While the City appreciates donations for benches, the City is under no obligation to accept donations even if the request meets all criteria set forth in the Policy. City of Issaquah procedures, policies, guidelines and fees outlined in this guide are subject to periodic review and changes.
BENCH DONATION PROGRAM
APPLICATION

DATE: ______________________________

APPLICANT/DONOR NAME: _______________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________________

CITY: __________________________________________ STATE: _______ ZIP: ____________

PHONE: ____________________  EMAIL: ___________________________________________

PLAQUE VERBIAGE: 3-4 LINES, MAX 30 CHARACTERS PER LINE (INCLUDING SPACES AND
PUNCTUATION). PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, CHECK SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION.

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PROPOSED BENCH LOCATION (PARK/SITE NAME): ____________________________________

BENCH SITE NUMBER: ______________________

APPLICANT/DONOR SIGNATURE: _________________________________________________

I HAVE RECEIVED, READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES OUTLINED
IN THE DONATION BENCH PROGRAM.

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