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**RESOLUTION
PARKLAND DEDICATION FEES LEVERAGING POLICY**

WHEREAS the City of Manitowoc has collected fees from subdivision development per Ch. 236.45 Wis. Stats. for the purpose of assisting to meet the park and outdoor recreation needs of its citizens; and

WHEREAS the community's park and outdoor recreation needs are met through a combination of facilities like neighborhood parks and playgrounds, larger community parks, trails, sports fields and hard courts, other specialized facilities like the aquatic center and zoo, and other green spaces and natural areas; and

WHEREAS this diversity of park and outdoor recreation facilities must be provided in various locations around the community that may or may not be in close proximity to new subdivisions, though these facilities indeed serve those new subdivisions; and

WHEREAS the fees collected from subdivision development represent a limited source of funding that must be carefully utilized to meet the various park and outdoor recreation needs created by new development; and

WHEREAS the positive impacts of park and outdoor recreation facility investments can be leveraged with matching, privately-raised funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Manitowoc creates this parkland dedication fees leveraging policy:

By approval of the City of Manitowoc Parks and Recreation Committee and Common Council, portions of the City's parkland dedication fees can be allocated to the improvement of land for public parks on a community-wide basis when the following findings and conclusions have been affirmed.

1. The proposed facility is an eligible project under Ch. 236.45(6) Wis. Stats., (i.e., **grading, landscaping, installation of utilities, construction of sidewalks, installation of playground equipment, or construction of restroom facilities, any of which is located in a public park or on land intended for use as a public park**).
2. The proposed facility is new – not maintenance, repair, or replacement of an existing facility.
3. The proposed facility can be located anywhere in the City if it will have a community-wide benefit based on the unique nature of the facility.
4. The proposed expenditure will not have a negative impact on meeting the neighborhood park and playground development needs of the land subdivisions that generated the parkland dedication fees. The Parkland Dedication Fees account shall not be depleted below the level determined to be needed to meet the neighborhood park and playground development needs of the land subdivisions that generated the parkland dedication fees. If there are no such needs outstanding, then the entirety of the Parkland Dedication Fees account should be spent on projects under this policy.
5. The proposed expenditure, which should not exceed \$50,000 per project (as a guideline), is being matched with privately generated funds, whether from private sponsorship, non-profit fundraising, foundation grants, or other non-governmental sources. The appropriate amount of matching funds can be determined by the Parks and Recreation Committee and Common Council on a case-by-case basis.
6. The proposed facility is consistent with the City's current Comprehensive Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan.

This policy is intended to provide an alternative use of Parkland Dedication Fees. In no way should it hamper other allowable uses of these funds, and leveraged projects under this policy should always be subordinate to meeting the neighborhood park and playground development needs of new land subdivisions when such needs arise.

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Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

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Fiscal Impact: _____

Funding Source: Parkland Dedication Fund

Finance Director Approval: /sc

Approved as to form: /kmm