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ORDINANCE NO. 48-153

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE WICHITA PARKS, RECREATION,
AND OPEN SPACE PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE WICHITA-
SEDGWICK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by the statutes of the State of Kansas, in K.S.A. 12-747 *et seq.*, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission developed a Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County in 1993, and amended in 1996, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, and 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan may be amended, as needed, to ensure it reflects timely and relevant information and the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita in collaboration with the Wichita Board of Park Commissioners, citizens and other stakeholders, undertook the development of the Wichita, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan to serve as a guide for the development, provision, maintenance, and funding of park, recreation and open space resources for the City of Wichita; and

WHEREAS, before the adoption of any Comprehensive Plan or amendment thereto, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission is required by K.S.A. 12-747 to hold a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission did give notice by publication in the official City and County newspaper on October 30, 2008, of a public hearing on said neighborhood plan; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, on November 20, 2008, did hold a public hearing at which a quorum was present, and did hear all comments and testimony relating to said plan, and approved a resolution adopting the Wichita Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, November 2008, as an amendment to The Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan replacing the 1996 Parks and Pathways; Park and Open Space Master Plan for the City of Wichita; and

Whereas, modifications have been made to the Wichita Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, November 2008, as approved by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and Wichita Park Board, in order to match the proposed pathways as depicted in the Wichita-Sedgwick County Parks and Pathways Plan, September 1996; and other currently adopted elements of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The City of Wichita hereby adopts the Wichita Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, November 2008, as an amendment to The Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan, replacing the 1996 Parks and Pathways; Park and Open Space Master Plan for the City of Wichita; and

SECTION 2. Notice of this action shall be transmitted to the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners and to all other taxing subdivisions in the planning area that request a copy of the plan.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective and be in force from and after its adoption and publication once in the official City newspaper.

ADOPTED at Wichita, Kansas, this January 6, 2009.

Carl Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Sublett, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Gary E. Rebenstorf, Director of Law