

VICTORIA  
ORDINANCE 460 ZC

SECTION 25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING CODE SECTION 25 TO CREATE A ZONING  
DISTRICT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Victoria wishes to amend Section 25 of the Victoria Zoning Code to establish a new Parks and Open Space zoning district in order to provide standards for properties guided for such land uses.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Council of Victoria, in the State of Minnesota, as follows:

**SECTION 1: AMENDMENT** The following sections of the Zoning Code of the City of Victoria are hereby *amended* as follows:

AMENDMENTS

*Bold/Italic represents additional language; red/strike represents repealed language.*

**Sec. 16-1 Definitions:**

*Definitions noted below are either amended or added. Definitions not listed remain unchanged.*

PARKS, PRIVATE OR COMMERCIAL. An area with one or more elements of passive or active recreation such as athletic courts and fields, indoor or outdoor golfing, children's play structures, walking or biking trails, natural features and the like, which are owned by or leased to private individuals or businesses, which are made available to groups beyond the private owners via rent or admission fees and which may be fee based. Privately owned property serving as public parkland via agreement does not qualify as a PRIVATE OR COMMERCIAL PARK when leased according to public park leasing policies.

PARKS, PUBLIC. An area with one or more elements of passive or active recreation such as athletic courts, children's play structures, walking or biking trails, natural features and the like which is open to the public.

*(Ord. No. 420, § 1, 7-24-2017; Ord. No. 440 Impervious Surface, 4-22-2019; Ord. No. 443 ZC R1 and R2 Amendments, 6-10-2019; Ord. No. 460 ZC Parks and Open Space)*

**Sec. 25 – ~~(Reserved)~~ Parks and Open Space (P-1):**

1. Purpose and scope.


The Parks and Open Space District is established to perpetuate open park and recreation areas and other natural areas which are desirable for water retention or as natural habitat for plant and animal life.

2. Jurisdiction.  
The following shall be applicable to property designated as P-1 within the city as defined by the official zoning map.
3. Principal use.  
The following uses and structures listed in this section are permitted as the principal use in the P-1 district.
  - a. Permanent open space
  - b. Public and private natural conservation areas
  - c. Public parks
4. Permitted accessory use.  
The following uses are permitted as an accessory to the principal use in the P-1 district provided they are subordinate to and associated with the permitted use:
  - a. Public bathrooms, park shelters, playgrounds, and other low intensity park improvements.
  - b. Off Street Parking.
  - c. Bee Keeping.
  - d. Boat Ramps.
  - e. Hunting in Carver Park Reserve, consistent with Minnesota State Law, Victoria Municipal Code Section 16-1, and Three Rivers Park District Policies.
  - f. Essential city utility structures.
5. Conditional uses.  
The following uses require a conditional use permit:
  - a. Public Buildings with a footprint greater than 2000 sq ft in gross area.
  - b. Private Parks and Open Spaces
  - c. Golf Courses
  - d. Essential services or utilities not owned or operated by the City
  - e. Expansion of uses established on or before May 8, 2023 which are not in conformity with district use provisions.
6. Design and performance standards.  
All proposed improvements in the P-1 zoning district will be reviewed for conformance with the intent of the Zoning District and Comprehensive Plan, and existing or planned development. Setbacks, lot coverage, building height and other site or building design elements should be complimentary to neighboring land uses.


*(Ord. No. 460 ZC, § 2, 5-8-2023)*

**SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication in accordance with the law.

**Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 by the Victoria City Council**

  
Debra McMillan, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Claudia Ettesvold, City Clerk