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[\(Council Minutes 97/01/21\)](#)

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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, relating to parks and public facilities, creating a policy and procedure for naming/renaming City parks and facilities

WHEREAS, the City Council may have occasions to name or rename City parks and other City facilities; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish criteria and procedures for the official naming/renaming of City parks and other facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

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PASSED by the City Council this 21st day of January, 1997

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Attest:

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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