

## CHAPTER 448

## PARKS, PARKWAYS AND PLAYGROUNDS

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**448.01** [Repealed, 1949 c 119 s 110]

**448.02** [Repealed, 1949 c 119 s 110]

**448.03 ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC PARK AND FAIR GROUND PURPOSES.**

Any city of the fourth class, operating under a home rule charter, may acquire by purchase or condemnation a tract of land not exceeding 25 acres, lying within the corporate limits of the city, and devote the same to the uses of a public park and incidentally may grant to the county agricultural society of the county in which the city is situated the right to hold the annual county fair in the part of the park as shall not interfere with its general usefulness for park purposes.

**History:** (1734-1) 1919 c 345 s 1

**448.04** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.05** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.06** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.07** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.08** [Repealed, 1945 c 86]

**448.09** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.10** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.11** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.12** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.13** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.14** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.15** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.16** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.17** [Repealed, 1959 c 251 s 1]

**448.18** [Repealed, 1959 c 251 s 1]

**448.19** [Repealed, 1959 c 251 s 1]

**448.20** [Repealed, 1959 c 251 s 1]

**448.21 EXCHANGE LANDS FOR PARKS OR PLAYGROUNDS.**

Any city of the first class in this state, is hereby empowered to exchange for other lands to be used for parks or playgrounds, any lands acquired by the city for parks or playgrounds; provided that at least two-thirds of all the members of its council shall approve such exchange and the board of park commissioners, or other body having jurisdiction and control of parks and playgrounds in the city, shall, by a two-thirds vote thereof, request the council so to do.

**History:** (1551) 1911 c 26 s 1

**448.22 PURCHASE OF LAND FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR CIVIC CENTER OR PUBLIC PARK.**

Any city of the first class in the state, or any such city and the county in which it is located, acting jointly, are hereby authorized to buy from the federal government, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the proper officials of the city or of the county and the county acting together, and the federal government, by written contract, any property owned by the federal government which is needed for a civic center or public park purposes, in the municipality.

**History:** (1630-2 1/2h) Ex1933 c 6 s 1

**448.23 COMPENSATION FOR LAND CONDEMNED FOR PARKS.**

When any city of the first class in this state, shall cause to be condemned any land for public parks or parkway purposes, it shall thereupon cause to be paid to the owner of this property the amount of damages, over and above all benefits, which may have been awarded therefor, within one year after confirmation of the award or assessment, or the final determination of any appeals therefor, with interest at the rate of five percent per annum, but nothing in sections 448.23 to 448.25 shall take away any existing right to annul and abandon the proceedings.

**History:** (1539) 1905 c 103 s 1

**448.24 PAYMENT FROM PARK FUND.**

Any city of the first class is hereby authorized to pay the whole, or any part, of any award or judgment for land condemned for park or parkway purposes out of the park fund, in case the city has on hand in the park fund, or can obtain by donation, bequest, or otherwise under lawful authority, moneys available therefor.

**History:** (1540) 1905 c 103 s 2

**448.25 ABANDONMENT OF PROCEEDINGS.**

Nothing contained in sections 448.23 to 448.25 shall deprive the city of the power to abandon proceedings as now provided by law.

**History:** (1541) 1905 c 103 s 3

**448.26** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.27** [Repealed, 1949 c 119 s 110]

**448.28** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.29** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

**448.30** [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]

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- 448.36 [Repealed, 1949 c 119 s 110]
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- 448.43 [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]
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- 448.47 [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]
- 448.48 [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]
- 448.49 [Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70]
- 448.50 [Local, Minneapolis]
- 448.51 [Local, Minneapolis]
- 448.52 [Local, Minneapolis]
- 448.53 [Local, Minneapolis]

#### **448.54 REGULATING TRAVEL ON PARKWAYS.**

The board of park commissioners, or other governing body having control of parks and parkways of any city of the first class, shall have power to enact ordinances and to prescribe penalties for the violation thereof for the purpose of regulating, controlling, and limiting the use of, and travel upon and over, all parkways established by the city in or adjacent to the city, whether the parkways were originally established as parkways or were streets or highways before being taken as parkways and, among other things, to exclude from these parkways all vehicles in use for any purpose except carrying passengers. For the purpose of sections 448.54 and 448.55, the term "parkway" shall include the roadways and carriageways of parks as well as parkways.

*History: (1543) 1907 c 440 s 1*

#### **448.55 POWER OF COUNCIL TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS NOT DIVESTED.**

Section 448.54 shall not divest or deprive the council of the city of any jurisdiction or power now existing by virtue of any statute or charter, to levy assessments for the grading, protecting, improving, and ornamenting of any public park, square, or grounds now or hereafter laid out, and for planting and protecting shade and ornamental trees and for constructing or reconstructing sewers, sidewalks, retaining walls, gutters, curbing, and for boulevards, macadamizing, and paving in or upon any streets set apart for park and parkway purposes.

*History: (1544) 1907 c 440 s 2*

**448.56 POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF BOARDS OF PARK COMMISSIONERS IN CITIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Authority to establish and maintain.** The board of park commissioners of each of the cities in this state shall have authority to devise, plan, and establish a system of public parks and parkways and, from time to time, to alter and extend the same and to add thereto; to designate the lands and grounds to be used, appropriated, and acquired for such purposes; to take possession of the same, or any part thereof, upon obtaining title thereto, and to improve, govern, and maintain the same for such purposes.

Subd. 2. **Superintendence.** The board of park commissioners shall have authority to direct, superintend, and regulate the planting, culture, and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, shrubbery, and turf in the streets, avenues, alleys, and public grounds of the city, and in such parts thereof as may be lawfully placed under the jurisdiction and control of the board of park commissioners.

No shade or ornamental trees, shrubbery, or turf growing in the streets, avenues, alleys, and public grounds of the city shall be destroyed or removed except by leave in writing first obtained from the president of the board of park commissioners, the same to be duly countersigned and recorded by the secretary of the board.

The board of park commissioners may, by proper ordinances, provide for the enforcement of this subdivision and for the preservation of such trees, shrubbery, and turf and affix penalties for the violation of these ordinances, and the district court having chambers in the county in which the city is located shall have jurisdiction of all offenses against these ordinances.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1969 c 593 s 8]

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1969 c 593 s 8]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1969 c 593 s 8]

**History:** 1895 c 243 s 1-5; 1998 c 254 art 2 s 46