448.56 POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF CITY PARK BOARDS.

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. **Trees, shrubbery, and turf.** 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. MS 1967 [Repealed, 1969 c 593 s 8]

Subd. 4. MS 1967 [Repealed, 1969 c 593 s 8]

Subd. 5. MS 1967 [Repealed, 1969 c 593 s 8]

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