## **BENTON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 344**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Commissioners instituted proceedings to amend Benton County Ordinance 185; and,

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2002, Notice of Public Hearing and intent to amend Benton County Ordinance 185 was published in the official newspaper of the county; and,

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2002, the Benton County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing and approved the proposed ordinance amendments; and,

NOW PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 394.25, THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORDAINS: that Benton County Ordinance 185 be amended to read as follows:

Add to Section 10.6.2(3)

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- (É) The soils should be suitable for construction of active recreation facilities (Picnic Shelters, playground equipment, etc.)
- (F) The proposed park should be located in an area that is readily accessible by the road system, can support adequate park space, and can serve both the subdivision and other county citizens using the park system.
- (G) Provide an opportunity for habitat restoration to support a natural resource based park system.
- (H) Minimize the number of small, fragmented parks in the County.

The County Board shall refuse any proposed park land dedication that fails to meet the above criteria.

## Amend Section 10.6.2(4)

The County Board may in its discretion, accept a financial contribution in lieu of dedicated parkland if the developer so requests. Any funds obtained by the County pursuant to this section shall be used for the acquisition, development or maintenance of parks and trails in Benton County.

Remove Section 11.7.5 – Park Dedication Fee for Land Use Permits.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

The ordinance adopted is too lengthy to be published in its entirely. The full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Benton County Department of Development and the office of the Benton County Auditor/Treasurer.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Benton County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of June in the year of 2002.

Duane Cekalla, Chair

Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Rick Speak, Clerk of the Board

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