

# PRESERVE OPEN SPACE PARK LANDS

## Initiative to Protect and Preserve Public Rights and Access to the Arboretum in Washington Park

Shall the City of Seattle be prohibited from making these changes in Washington Park?

1. Building fences or barriers to restrict public access
2. Levying an admission charge or entrance fee
3. Leasing park lands for the construction of university classrooms, offices, laboratories, administration buildings or other non-park uses

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

We, the undersigned citizens of the State of Washington and qualified electors of the City of Seattle, do hereby respectfully petition you that the proposed ordinance, a full, true and correct copy of which is on the opposite side of this petition, be entered by the Council, and each of us says: I have personally signed this petition, I am a qualified and legal voter of the City of Seattle, and my address is correctly stated opposite my name.

You must be a registered Seattle voter to sign. Sign this petition only once and exactly as you are registered.

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Every name counts. Return every petition by April 1, 1974 no matter how few names on it to: Rita Griffith

Arboretum Park Coalition / Telephone [redacted]

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# INITIATIVE

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE:

An ordinance relating to Washington Park (commonly known as "the Arboretum") prohibiting any restriction of public rights or access by (1) building fences, barriers, or gates, (2) levying an admission charge or entrance fee, or (3) leasing park lands for the construction of university classrooms, offices, laboratories, administration buildings or other non-park uses.

### 1. Intent

This ordinance is based in the principle that public parks are a public trust, to be maintained for present and future generations. It is the specific purpose of this ordinance to hold and preserve Washington Park and the Arboretum therein as open space park lands, freely accessible to all the citizens of Seattle.

### 2. No Restriction of Access

Public access to and across park lands (Washington Park) owned by the City of Seattle in the east halves of sections 21 and 28, township 25, range 4, E.W.M. shall not be restricted or impaired. No gate, fence, or barrier to pedestrian or vehicle access not in existence in said park on June 1, 1973, shall be permitted to stand. Every such gate, fence, and barrier shall forthwith be removed from said property by the Park Department of the City of Seattle.

### 3. No Admission Charge or Entrance Fee

Said park lands shall be freely accessible to the public. The City of Seattle shall not levy or allow to be levied any admission charge or entrance fee to said park lands or any part thereof.

### 4. No Leasing or Non-Park Uses

The City of Seattle shall not lease park lands (Washington Park) owned by the City of Seattle in the east halves of sections 21 and 28, township 25, range 4, E.W.M., or any portion thereof. The City of Seattle shall not enter into any use agreement for said park lands which in any way allows for non-park uses of any portion thereof. Non-park uses shall include, but not be limited to, the construction or use of buildings for university classrooms, offices, laboratories, or administration buildings.

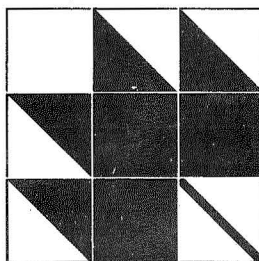
## WARNING

Section 1. It is unlawful for any person:

- (1) To sign or decline to sign any petition for a city ordinance initiative or referendum, or a City Charter amendment for any consideration or promise thereof, or
- (2) To solicit or procure signatures upon a city ordinance initiative or referendum, or City Charter amendment petition for any consideration or promise thereof, or
- (3) To give or offer any consideration or gratuity to anyone to induce him to sign or not to sign, or to solicit or procure signatures upon a city ordinance or referendum, or City Charter amendment petition; or
- (4) To interfere with or attempt to interfere with the right of any voter to sign or not to sign a city ordinance, initiative or referendum, or City Charter amendment petition by threat, intimidation or any other corrupt means or practice, or
- (5) To sign a city initiative or referendum, or City Charter amendment petition with any other than his true name, or to knowingly sign more than one petition for the same initiative, referendum or charter amendment measure, or to sign any such petition knowing that he is not a registered voter of the City of Seattle.

The provisions of this section shall be printed on every petition for a city ordinance initiative, referendum, or charter amendment.

Section 2. Any person violating this section shall upon conviction thereof be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the city jail for a period not to exceed six months; or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. 92489 1.2. as amended by Ord. 100664-1 February 10, 1972).



For additional petitions  
or information call  
Arboretum Park Coalition

