

June 5, 2020

To Mayor and City Council:

The Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is pleased to support the expansion of the Park Ranger's duties and service area to better serve the Community's needs.

The Park Ranger currently only provides service to 4 of the 92 parks in the City of Salem and is limited to enforcing simple code violations. This proposal will allow the Ranger to service other parks as needed, increase public awareness of the Park Ranger's activities, and more efficiently respond to violations and complaints, thereby creating a safer park system for all users. The expanded duties will allow the Ranger to enforce the additional *Salem Revised Code* Chapters 47, 50, and 102.

We believe these expanded duties are in the best interest of the park system. While the Park Ranger's focus will remain on Minto Brown, Riverfront, Wallace Marine, and Marion Square Parks, this expansion will provide flexibility to support the many other great parks throughout the City. We recognize that this expanded role will create additional responsibilities for the Park Ranger. However, the primary focus should remain on existing responsibilities and public outreach/education with these expanded duties augmenting current work as time allows.

Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Dylan McDowell, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board