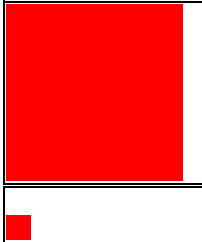


What Was That Park Amendment Passed November 4, 2008?

CHARTER AMEND 6 PARK PRESERVATION			
Vote for 1			
		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Votes</u>
YES/SI/WI		87.69%	522,286
NO/NO/NON		12.31%	73,293
			<hr/> 595,579 <hr/>

Section 8.13, as proposed by the Charter Review Commission, was created to designate County parks as either Natural Area Parks or Regional Parks, and to prohibit the sale, transfer or change of use of such parks without an affirmative vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the County electors.

Sun-Sentinel Reporting the Results of the Election:

The park-preservation amendment will prohibit county commissioners from selling or giving away parkland or nature areas without the approval of 60 percent of voters. Voters approved a \$400 million park expansion program in 2000, and the charter board wanted to protect the property that has been bought.

<https://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/fl-xpm-2008-11-07-0811060486-story.html>

Before the Vote Sun-Sentinel Explanation:

<https://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/fl-xpm-2008-10-19-0810160590-story.html>

Should voter approval be required if the county wants to sell park land? Any sale or transfer of park land would need the support of 60 percent of voters. The charter contains no such protection for park space.

At the Beginning of the Current Charter Document:

The Charter of Broward County, Florida, has been substantially revised as of November 4, 2008. For detailed information on all amendments, please refer to Appendix A which lists all changes made to the Charter since it went into effect on January 1, 1975. This is a true and correct copy of the Broward County Charter, as certified on February 16, 2009, by Bertha Henry, County Administrator, in and for Broward County, Florida, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Broward County Commissioners.

<https://www.broward.org/Charter/Documents/Charter.pdf>

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BALLOT QUESTION

“The Charter currently does not contain a mechanism to protect parks owned by the County. Shall the Charter be amended to designate County-owned parks as either Natural Area Parks or Regional Parks, and to prohibit the sale, transfer or change of use of such parks without an affirmative vote of sixty percent (60%) of the County electors?”

(Vote “Yes” for approval; vote “No” for rejection).

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

It is estimated that this amendment will have no financial impact to Broward County.

AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Natural Area Parks shall be used for “Passive Recreation Park Uses” only. Natural Area Parks may not be sold, transferred, or used for purposes other than as a Natural Area Park unless such action is approved by an affirmative vote of no less than sixty percent (60%) of the electors of Broward County voting in a referendum at either a general election or a special election called for that purpose. *The operation or maintenance of Natural Area Parks may be transferred to a municipality without a referendum, provided that the subject park continues to be used for Passive Recreation Park Uses. (This doesn't match the ballot question, but West Lake is a County Regional Park.)*

Regional Parks shall only be used for Park Purposes. Regional Parks may not be sold, transferred, or used for purposes other than as a Regional Park unless such action is approved by an affirmative vote of no less than sixty percent (60%) of the electors of Broward County voting in a referendum at either a general election or a special election called for that purpose.

FINANCIAL IMPACT SUMMARY

Our analysis indicates that there is no financial impact associated with the approval of this amendment. This estimate is based on the amendment requirements and assumptions provided below.

Amendment Requirements

The amendment would not place requirements on Broward County that result in a financial impact. For example, the amendment places no requirement on the County to create a new process, hire additional staff, reallocate staff resources or implement organizational change(s), etc.

https://www.browardvotes.gov/Portals/Broward/documents/electionarchives/election.aspx_eid_101.html

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