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### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-01

**TO:** All Elected Officials, Department Heads, Division Chiefs, Independent Agencies, Authorities, Boards, Commissions, and Council

**FROM:** Lenny Curry, Mayor

**SUBJECT:** Park Safety Council

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By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor by the Charter of the City of Jacksonville and by Section 20.107, *Ordinance Code*, and as chief executive and administrative officer of the Consolidated Government, it is ordered as follows:

**Section 1. Background.** Jacksonville has the largest park system in North America, maintaining over 400 public and recreational spaces offering a wide range of experiences, attractions, and opportunities to residents of, and visitors to, the City for exploration, relaxation, and recreation. Of primary importance in the maintenance of such a large and diverse park system is ensuring that each of the parks and recreational spaces in the system are safe and pose no risks to the health and welfare of those to whom they are provided.

**Section 2. Council, Membership, and Term.** There is hereby created a council, titled "Park Safety Council," which shall come into effect upon execution of this Executive Order. The Park Safety Council shall comprise of six members appointed by the Mayor, consisting of at least one representative from each of the six City Planning Districts. The Chairperson of the Park Safety Council shall be appointed by the Mayor from among the Park Safety Council Members. Any vacancies which may occur shall be filled by further appointments by the Mayor. The members of the Park Safety Council shall serve for a term of two (2) years, commencing on the date and year of their appointments. Members may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms; provided however, members shall continue to serve on the Council until such time as their successors are appointed. The Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure; provided however, a quorum shall consist of four (4) members. The Council shall meet on at least a quarterly basis. Meetings shall be held in facilities owned or leased by the City. The members of the Park Safety Council shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed, pursuant to the Ordinance Code, for reasonable Park Safety Council-related and approved expenses.

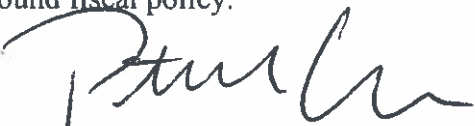
**Section 3. Purposes, Functions, and Goals.** The purposes, functions, and goals of the Park Safety Council are to establish park safety standards for all city-owned parks within the City of Jacksonville and monitor the same. The Park Safety Council will meet on at least a quarterly basis and will publish a quarterly review of park conditions cited by the Public Facilities Safety Officer as violations for safety issues to be submitted to the Mayor, City Council, and news media. Each report shall include the following language in the preamble: "This Report is submitted in memory of Amari Harley and is a testament to the need to remain "Ever Vigilant"". The review shall include a list of all parks that have been cited for violations of the park safety standards.

**Section 4. Support Staff.** The Neighborhood Services Office shall supply staff assistance to the Council, with input and assistance from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.


**Section 5. Open Meetings and Applicable Laws.** The Park Safety Council and its members shall comply with the Government-In-The-Sunshine Requirements of Chapter 286, *Florida Statutes*, and other applicable laws.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Executive Order shall become effective upon its execution.

Approved as to conformity with sound fiscal policy:

  
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Director of Finance

Approved and Issued:

  
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Lenny Curry, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

  
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Jason R. Gabriel, General Counsel

Approval Date: 1/10/2020

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