

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That the incorporation of said town of Keller-  
ton in Ringgold county Iowa, the election of its officers, and all  
the official acts done and ordinances passed by the town council  
of said town not in contravention with the laws of the state of  
Iowa are hereby legalized and the same are made valid as  
though the law had in all respects been strictly complied with.

Legalized.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance,  
shall be in force and take effect from and after its publication  
in the State Register and State Leader newspapers published  
in Des Moines, Iowa, without expense to the State.

Publication.

Approved, April 5, 1884.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa  
State Register* April 30, and *Iowa State Leader* April 17, 1884.

J. A. T. HULL, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 151.

RELATING TO PARKS.

AN ACT Relating to Parks in Cities and Towns and to Authorize  
the Election of Commissioners, and Levy of Special Tax There-  
for. [Additional to Code, Ch. 10, Title IV.]

S. F. 89.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That cities acting under special charters and  
cities and incorporated towns may provide by ordinance for the  
election of three park commissioners and the terms thereof  
shall be three, four and five years, respectively and their suc-  
cessors shall be elected for the full term of five years, and such  
park commissioners shall reside in such city or town.

Cities acting  
under special  
charters and  
incorporated  
towns may  
elect three  
park commis-  
sioners.

SEC. 2. Said park commissioners shall have exclusive con-  
trol of such parks and shall manage, improve, and supervise the  
same.

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SEC. 3. The councils of such cities, and incorporated towns  
may by resolution submit to the qualified electors of such city  
or town, at a regular or special election, the question whether  
there shall be levied upon the assessed property thereof a tax  
not exceeding two mills on the dollar, for the purpose of pur-  
chasing real estate for parks and the improvement of parks, or  
for either or both of said purposes.

Questions of  
taxation for  
purchase of  
ground sub-  
mitted to the  
people.

SEC. 4. Said councils shall, in the resolution ordering such  
election, specify the rate of taxation proposed and the number  
of years the same shall be levied, and if a majority of the votes  
cast at such election shall be in favor of such taxation, said

Council shall  
specify rate of  
taxation.

- Shall levy tax when authorized. council shall levy the tax so authorized, which shall be collected and paid over to the treasurer of such city as other taxes thereof are collected, which shall be known as "Park Fund," and shall be paid on the order of the commissioners and to be expended for the purposes herein provided and for no other purpose whatever.
- Paid on order of commissioners. SEC. 5. Said commissioners may use said fund for improving such parks or for purchasing additional grounds or laying out and improving avenues thereto, and do all things necessary to preserve such parks, and they may appoint one or more park policemen, and pay such police force out of said fund; said commissioners shall keep a full account of their disbursements, and all orders drawn on said fund shall be signed by at least two of said commissioners.
- Funds used for purchase of grounds or improvements. SEC. 6. Said commissioners shall each give a bond to the use of such city in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, before they shall be permitted to enter upon such duty, which bonds shall be approved by the auditor, recorder or clerk, of such city or town and by him retained in his office.
- Commissioners shall keep a full account. SEC. 7. That it shall be deemed a misdemeanor for any person to cut, break or deface any tree or shrub growing in any such park or parks, or avenues thereto, except by authority of such commissioners.
- Commissioners shall give bonds to be approved. SEC. 8. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Iowa State Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.
- Cutting, etc., a misdemeanor. Approved, April 5, 1884.
- Publication.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Register* April 11, and *Iowa State Leader* April 9, 1884.

J. A. T. HULL, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 152.

### ORDINANCES OF OSAGE LEGALIZED.

S. F. 387.

AN ACT Legalizing the Acts of the Council of the City of Osage in the County of Mitchell and state of Iowa and Legalizing the Ordinances Passed and Adopted for the Government of said City.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The town of Osage, in Mitchell county, Iowa, incorporated under the laws of Iowa and through its board of trustees, passed and adopted ordinances and performed such other acts as properly devolved upon them by law; and,

WHEREAS, Said incorporated town, afterward organized as a city of the second class and by its council passed and adopted