AN ACT Relating to metropolitan park districts; and amending section 35.61.130, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.61.130.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 35.61.130, chapter 7, Laws of 1965, and RCW 35.61.130 are each amended to read as follows:

A metropolitan park district has the right of eminent domain, and may purchase, acquire and condemn lands lying within or without the boundaries of said park district, for public parks, parkways, boulevards, aviation landings and playgrounds, and may condemn such lands to widen, alter and extend streets, avenues, boulevards, parkways, aviation landings and playgrounds, to enlarge and extend existing parks, and to acquire lands for the establishment of new parks, boulevards, parkways, aviation landings and playgrounds. The right of eminent domain shall be exercised and instituted pursuant to resolution of the board of park commissioners and conducted in the same manner and under the same procedure as is or may be provided by law for the exercise of the power of eminent domain by incorporated cities and towns of the state of Washington in the acquisition of property rights: PROVIDED, however, funds to pay for condemnation allowed by this section shall be raised only as specified in this chapter. The board of park commissioners (may-pass-orders-providing-for-all-condemnations-which-it-may-desire-to-institute-within-its-authority-and-to-bring-actions-in-the-proper-courts-for-the-condemnation-of-lands)) shall have power to employ counsel, and to regulate, manage and control the parks, parkways, boulevards, streets, avenues, aviation landings and playgrounds under its control, and to provide for park policemen, for a secretary of the board of park commissioners and for all necessary employees, to fix their salaries and duties. The board of park commissioners shall have power to improve, acquire, extend and maintain, open and lay out, parks, parkways, boulevards, avenues, aviation landings and playgrounds, within or without the park district,
and to authorize, conduct and manage the letting of boats, or other
amusement apparatus, the operation of bath houses, the purchase and
sale of foodstuffs or other merchandise, the giving of vocal or in-
strumental concerts or other entertainments, the establishment and
maintenance of aviation landings and playgrounds, and generally the
management and conduct of such forms of recreation or business as it
shall judge desirable or beneficial for the public, or for the pro-
duction of revenue for expenditure for park purposes; and may pay out
moneys for the maintenance and improvement of any such parks, park-
ways, boulevards, avenues, aviation landings and playgrounds as now
exist, or may hereafter be acquired, within or without the limits of
said city and for the purchase of lands within or without the limits of
said city, whenever it deems the purchase to be for the benefit of
the public and for the interest of the park district, and for the main-
tenance and improvement thereof and for all expenses incidental to its
duties: PROVIDED, That all parks, boulevards, parkways, aviation land-
ings and playgrounds shall be subject to the police regulations of the
city within whose limits they lie.

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