



RESOLUTION NO. 19-584
TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE
RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND
ALDERMEN FOR THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL
EXPRESSING A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO BUILD
AN INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT THE CITY PARK.

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public; and

WHEREAS, play is crucial for human development, the growth of social skills, and self-confidence; and

WHEREAS, an inclusive playground is one that offers a range of play experiences to children of varying abilities and generally complies with the ADA, but does not mean that each and every feature or event must be usable by every child; and

WHEREAS, an inclusive playground provides more for people with disabilities than accessible playgrounds by taking away the barriers to inclusion, both physical and social, and providing a "sensory rich" experience for all; and

WHEREAS, children without disabilities may also benefit from inclusive playgrounds by connecting with children from different backgrounds and abilities, and gain empathy, social, and emotional skills; and

WHEREAS, inclusive playgrounds provide benefits to more individuals than just children since there are far more parents and grandparents with disabilities than children and cross-generational play is beneficial for families; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen find that play experiences at parks should be accessible for all children and their families, without regard to physical ability; and that inclusive playgrounds should be designed and constructed with sufficient and accessible amenities, including parking spaces and bathrooms; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen commit to the creation of an inclusive playground accessible to children and caregivers of all physical abilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen hereby state an intent and a commitment to purchase one (1) piece of ADA compliant playground equipment per year.

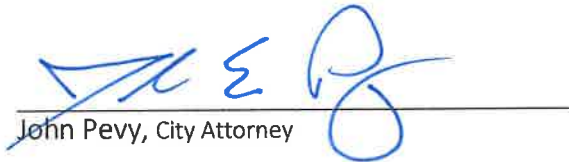
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN ON THIS THE 23RD DAY OF MAY 2019.

ATTEST:


Mike Housewright, City Recorder


Christopher Jones, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


John Pevy, City Attorney

MOTION:	ALDERMAN STILLWELL		
SECOND:	VICE MAYOR WILLIAMS		
	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
ALDERMAN WANDA DAVIDSON	X		
ALDERMAN JIM GILLAM			ABSENT
ALDERMAN STEVE MCCLAIN	X		
ALDERMAN PAT STILLWELL	X		
ALDERMAN CARL WOLFE	X		
VICE-MAYOR JENNIFER WILLIAMS	X		
MAYOR CHRIS JONES			ABSENT
TOTALS			

PASSED ON: May 23, 2019