

**CHAPTER 13**  
**PARK & RECREATION DEDICATION**

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The purpose of this ordinance is to provide funding for park site acquisition, park and recreation development and other park related capital improvements. All new residential development should contribute equally to provide future recreational facilities in the Town. To accomplish this purpose, the Town of Center requires the dedication of lands for park purposes or payment in lieu of said dedication during the plat review and approval process.

**13.02 CONTRIBUTIONS**

(1) Land Dedications. Whenever a proposed park, playground or recreational open space is designated in an adopted regional, county or local comprehensive or recreation plan is embraced, all or in part, in a tract of land to be subdivided, such proposed public lands shall be made a part of the plats and shall be either dedicated to the public or reserved for acquisition at undeveloped land costs for a period not to exceed five years for the date of recording unless extended by mutual agreements between the sub-divider and the Town. The size and location of dedication shall be subject to the approval of the Town Board. The Town Board reserves the right to refuse any dedication found to be unsuitable.

(2) Fee in Lieu of Land Dedication: For each dwelling unit constructed in the Town, a fee set by resolution of the Town Board shall be collected prior to the issuance of a residential building permit.

(3) Exemptions: Dwelling units constructed prior to the October 14, 2002 shall be exempt from the fee in lieu of land dedication. Also, dwellings constructed within approved plats that have included an approved dedication of land to the public shall be exempt from the fee in lieu of land dedication.

(4) Park Escrow Account: All in fees in lieu of land dedication received by the Town shall be deposited into a segregated, non-lapsing fund to be used exclusively for new park and recreation area development, including site acquisition and related capital improvements.