

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

AGENDA DATE: March 7, 2017

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Paula Powell, Assistant Director Parks and Recreation (212-1709)

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 4 - Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural, and Educational Environments;

SUBJECT:

An ordinance amending Title 13 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Spaces) of the El Paso Municipal Code. In particular, Chapter and Section 13.24.050-Use of Athletic Fields, allowing for different types of fields depending on use.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The proposed ordinance is intended to clarify and simplify issues concerning fields use by providing three types of athletic fields: Game only, permit required and leased. Additionally, not covered in the ordinance are numerous other open use areas that can be used on a first come first serve basis by anyone. This code change has been subject to six community meetings with most in favor of the change. This change will reduce confrontations between customers and will improve customer service. It will help Parks and Recreation measure the use hours on our sports fields to better prescribe a maintenance plan for their care, based on a best management practice approach using university and sports turf industry data. Using a sports field use metric will control use and also help protect the taxpayer's investment.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

7/21/12-City Council approved current Municipal code

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Parks and Recreation Board recommended approval of municipal code change on July 11, 2016

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: _____

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13 (STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES), CHAPTER 13.24 (CITY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS), SECTION 13.24.050 (USE OF ATHLETIC FIELDS) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, TO ADD A SECTION GOVERNING PERMIT REQUIRED FIELDS AND TO CLARIFY THE USE OF GAME ONLY FIELDS. THE PENALTY IS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 13.24.220 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, Section 13.24.050 of the El Paso City Code governs the use of athletic fields; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to clarify the uses allowed under Section 13.24.050 of the El Paso City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That Title 13 (Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places), Chapter 13.24 (City Parks and Recreation Areas), Section 13.24.050 (Use of Athletic Fields), Subsection A be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

- A. No person shall play any game on, or otherwise make use of, any athletic field belonging to the city that is designated as a game "only" field for which fees are assessed by listing its use on schedule C of the city's annual budget resolution or by other applicable resolution of city council and being posted with one or more signs giving notice of the restricted use, unless written permission for using the field at the designated time is first obtained from the director of the department. Athletic fields in this category can only be used for games and not for practice.

SECTION 2. That Title 13 (Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places), Chapter 13.24 (City Parks and Recreation Areas), Section 13.24.050 (Use of Athletic Fields), Subsection B be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

- B. No person shall play any game on, or otherwise make use of, any athletic field belonging to the city that is designated as a "**permit required**" field for which fees are assessed by listing its use on schedule C of the city's annual budget resolution or by other applicable resolution of city council and being posted with one or more signs giving notice of the restricted use, unless written permission for using the field at the designated time is first obtained from the director of the department. Athletic fields in this category can be used for practice or for games.

SECTION 3. That Title 13 (Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places), Chapter 13.24 (City Parks and Recreation Areas), Section 13.24.050 (Use of Athletic Fields), be amended to add a Subsection C as follows:

- C. This section shall not apply to persons using an athletic field under a lease, concession, or other contract authorized by the city council.

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SECTION 4. Except as expressly herein amended, Title 13, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, Chapter 13.24, City Parks and Recreation Areas, of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED THIS ____ day of _____, 2017.

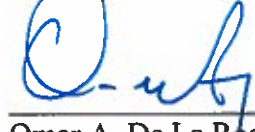
CITY OF EL PASO

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Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Tracy Novak, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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