

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

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

FIRST READING DATE: October 16, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 30, 2018

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director (212-1708)

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 Chapter 13 (City Parks and Recreation Areas), Section 13.24 (Parks and Recreation Facility Use and Fee Authorization) of the El Paso City Code. In particular, Chapter and Section 13.24.200 – adding a new subsection F, to establish a cost recovery rate for Sports Complexes.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

A Management Update was presented to City Council on September 18, 2018, providing a presentation on the implementation of fees for access to the Eastside Sports Complex for league and tournament play. The presentation included a chronological analysis of public input and recommendations from the community on how the fee should be implemented. Parks and Recreation provided best practice recommendations based on research of similar types of sports complexes that generate revenue to offset expenses.

City Council took action, directing staff to prepare an ordinance, requiring 75% cost recovery from participants in leagues, and participants and spectators in tournaments.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

September 18, 2018 – City Council Management Update on Eastside Sports Complex Fees

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****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 AREAS), CHAPTER 13.24 (CITY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS), SECTION 13.24.200 (PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY USE AND FEE AUTHORIZATION) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, TO ADD SUBSECTION (F). THE PENALTY BEING PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 13.24.190 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso ("City") seeks to promote healthy outdoor recreational activity to the citizens and visitors of El Paso through the use of its City parks; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2018, the City opened the first of its kind tournament and games only sports complex with dedicated maintenance and programming staff, known as the Eastside Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, the fees assessed to enter into City parks and recreation facilities are meant to offset the cost of maintenance and operations; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the City tournament and games only sport complex is maintained at a high level consistent with the usual and customary practices of operating such a facility the City desires users directly benefitting from use of the sports complex facility to assist in recovering the cost of maintenance and operations by paying a fee for their exclusive use of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the contribution of funds that residents residing in the PID 2 and TIRZ 9 zones have made to enhance and expand the usable portion of the Eastside Sports Complex, and therefore are excluded from paying entrance fees during the term of PID 2 and TIRZ 9; and,

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council, after a public hearing at which the public was allowed to comment on the proposed ordinance amendment, has determined that this amendment will provide recreational, cultural and quality of life benefits to the citizens of El Paso furthering the public health and general welfare of the City.

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 13.24.200 (Park and Recreation Facility Use and Fee Authorization), of the El Paso City Code be amended to add the following:

F. Cost Recovery Rate. The City Council of El Paso authorizes the department director to establish a minimum seventy-five percent (75%) cost recovery rate for the maintenance and operation of any and all city sport complexes managed by the department through entrance fees as set by the city council through its annual budget resolution or other duly adopted resolution ("fee schedule"),

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SECTION 2. Except as expressly herein amended, Title 13 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2018.

CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

Dee Margo
Mayor

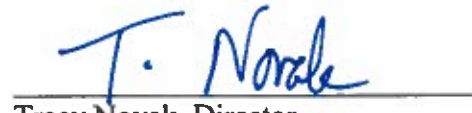
Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leslie B. Jean-Pierre
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



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