2022-2023 Commuter Commercial
Parkland Fee Calculation Methodology

In 2022, the City Council approved Ordinance 20220915-053 which created a formula to determine the commercial fees required in-lieu of parkland dedication. The Ordinance requires an annual adoption of the parkland dedication fees during the annual fee schedule process. The fee calculation methodologies are established in § 25-1-605. Adopted fee rates are determined based on the impact of the new functional population on the park system and the estimated cost to provide consistent service to this new functional population.

The below 2022-2023 fees reflect the Council approved calculation methodology to be adopted annually. Several of the variables in the formula are static from year to year, including the employee density and the operations hours. Fees adopted by City Council are based on rate per Functional Population shown in Step 1 of the calculations below. Steps 2 and 3 demonstrate a fee calculation per square foot for each development category. Some of the variables will be reevaluated each year based on publicly available data, such as the occupancy rate and the percent commuter workforce, as well as the fees-in-lieu of parkland land dedication and park development. The only variable in the above formula that is unique to the new development is the total square feet of the development.

Variables	Calculation Factor	Description
Fee In-Lieu of Land		
Parkland Level of Service	96.70	Population / Park Acres
Park Acres	10,086	Park Acres (excludes Metro and District Parks)
City Population	975,321 (2021 Population)	Current City Population
Parkland Cost Factor	$365,653.44 per acre	Average land cost of acres purchased over the last five years
Park Development		
Facilities Level of Service	4,046.98	Population / Number of Developed Parks
Number of Developed Parks	241	Count of all developed parks
City Population	975,321 (2021 Population)	Current city population
Park Development Cost Factor	$1,423,928.42	Cost of developing one Neighborhood Park
Functional Population		
Office Employee Density	300 sq ft /person	U.S. Green Building Council estimate of the square feet per person in LEED BD+C: New Constructionv4 - LEED v4. Appendix 2. Default occupancy counts
Office Occupancy	0.92	Austin area occupancy rates derived from the Chamber of Commerce 'Austin Area Profile' reflecting occupancy by use in Q2 2021
Office Operation Hours	0.238	Office use occurs 5 out of 7 days of the week, and 8 hours a day, equal to 23.8 percent (40 hours out of 168 hours a week) operation occupancy.
Retail Employee Density	550 sq ft / person	U.S. Green Building Council estimate of the square feet per person in LEED BD+C: New Constructionv4 - LEED v4. Appendix 2. Default occupancy counts
Retail Occupancy	0.95	Retail occupancy rates derived from NAI Partners report published in Q2 2021

Retail Operation Hours	0.375	Retail use occurs 7 days of the week, and an average of 9 hours a day for operation, equal to 37.5 percent (63 hours out of 168 hours a week) operation occupancy

Industrial Employee Density	2,500 sq ft / person	U.S. Green Building Council estimate of the square feet per person in LEED BD+C: New Constructionv4 - LEED v4. Appendix 2. Default occupancy counts
Industrial Occupancy	0.94	Austin area occupancy rates derived from the Chamber of Commerce 'Austin Area Profile' reflecting occupancy by use in Q2 2021
Industrial Operation Hours	0.708	Industrial use occurs 24 hours every day of the week, equal to 100 percent, but is capped to park operation hours from 5 am to 10 pm, 70.8 percent.
Hotel Employee Density	1,500 sq ft / person	U.S. Green Building Council estimate of the square feet per person in LEED BD+C: New Constructionv4 - LEED v4. Appendix 2. Default occupancy counts
Hotel Operation Hours	0.708	Hotel/motel use occurs 24 hours every day of the week, equal to 100 percent, as staff is necessary to maintain building operations, however operations hours are capped at 70.8 percent to reflect park hours.
Commuter Workforce Rate	0.358	Percent of Austin's total workforce population that reside in other Jurisdictions and work on-site in Austin

A. Fee In-lieu of Land Formula

***STEP 1.** Land Cost Per Functional Population = Parkland Cost Factor/Parkland Level of Service*

$$Land\ Cost\ Per\ Functional\ Population = \frac{\$365,653.44\ per\ acre}{96.70\ Population\ per\ Acre} = \$3,781.32$$

***STEP 2.** Land Cost Per Sq Ft = (Land Cost Per Functional Population / Employee Density) X Occupancy X Operation Hours X Commuter Workforce Rate*

<u>Office</u> $- Land\ Cost\ Per\ Sq\ Ft = \left(\frac{\$3,781.32}{300\ Sf/Employee}\right) \times 92\% \times 23.8\% \times 35.8\% = \$0.9880\ Per\ Sq\ Ft$

<u>Retail</u> $- Land\ Cost\ Per\ Sq\ Ft = \left(\frac{\$3,781.32}{550\ Sf/Employee}\right) \times 95\% \times 37.5\% \times 35.8\% = \$0.8768\ Per\ Sq\ Ft$

<u>Industrial</u> $- Land\ Cost\ Per\ Sq\ Ft = \left(\frac{\$3,781.32}{2,500\ Sf/Employee}\right) \times 94\% \times 70.8\% \times 35.8\% = \$0.3604\ Per\ Sq\ Ft$

<u>Hotel</u> – $Land\ Cost\ Per\ Sq\ Ft = \left(\frac{\$3,781.32}{1,500\ Sf/Employee}\right) \times 70.8\% \times 35.8\% = \$0.6390\ Per\ Sq\ Ft$

STEP 3. *Fee in-Lieu of Land = Sq Ft of Development x Land Cost Per Sq Ft*

<u>Office</u> – *Fee in-Lieu of Land = Sq Ft of Development x $0.9880*

<u>Retail</u> – *Fee in-Lieu of Land = Sq Ft of Development x $0.8768*

<u>Industrial</u> – *Fee in-Lieu of Land = Sq Ft of Development x $0.3604*

<u>Hotel</u> – *Fee in-Lieu of Land = Sq Ft of Development x $0.6390*

B. Park Development Fee Formula
STEP 1: *Development Cost Per Functional Population = Park Development Cost Factor / Facilities Level of Service*

$$Development\ Cost\ Per\ Functional\ Population = \frac{\$1,423,928.42\ park\ development\ \cos t\ factor}{4,046.98\ Population\ per\ Developed\ Park} = \$351.85$$

STEP 2: *Development Cost Per Sq Ft = (Development Cost Per Functional Population / Employee Density) X Occupancy X Operation Hours X Commuter Workforce Rate*

<u>Office</u> – $Development\ Cost\ Per\ Sq\ Ft = \left(\frac{\$351.85}{300\ Sf/Employee}\right) \times 92\% \times 23.8\% \times 35.8\% = \$0.0919\ Per\ Sq\ Ft$

<u>Retail</u> – $Development\ Cost\ Per\ Sq\ Ft = \left(\frac{\$351.85}{550\ Sf/Employee}\right) \times 95\% \times 37.5\% \times 35.8\% = \$0.0816\ Per\ Sq\ Ft$

<u>Industrial</u> – $Development\ Cost\ Per\ Sq\ Ft = \left(\frac{\$351.85}{2,500\ Sf/Employee}\right) \times 94\% \times 70.8\% \times 35.8\% = \$0.0335\ Per\ Sq\ Ft$

<u>Hotel</u> – $Development\ Cost\ Per\ Sq\ Ft = \left(\frac{\$351.85}{1,500\ Sf/Employee}\right) \times 70.8\% \times 35.8\% = \$0.0595\ Per\ Sq\ Ft$

STEP 3. *Park Development Fee = Sq Ft of Development x Land Cost Per Sq Ft*

<u>Office</u> – *Park Development Fee = Sq Ft of Development $\times$ $0.0919*

<u>Retail</u> – *Park Development Fee = Sq Ft of Development $\times$ $0.0816*

<u>Industrial</u> – *Park Development Fee = Sq Ft of Development $\times$ $0.0335*

<u>Hotel</u> – *Park Development Fee = Sq Ft of Development $\times$ $0.0595*

C: Total Parkland fee-in-lieu + Park Development Fee:
   Office – $0.9880 + $0.0919 = **$1.0799 *Per Sq Ft***
   Retail – $0.8768 + $0.0816 = **$0.9584 *Per Sq Ft***
   Industrial/Warehouse - $0.3604 + $0.0335 = **$0.3939 *Per Sq Ft***
   Hotel - $0.6390 + $0.0595 = **$0.6985 *Per Sq Ft***