

AGENDA



Thursday, January 28, 2010

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 30**

Subject: Approve an ordinance repealing Resolution No. 861211-9 and amending City Code Chapter 8-1 relating to use of athletic fields for youth recreation.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board.

This Ordinance will repeal Resolution No. 861211-19, approved on December 11, 1986, and replace it with a new City Code Chapter 8-1, Article 6 (Use of Athletic Fields). The new Article will define all requirements and establish the guidelines for a cooperative relationship between the City of Austin and the private youth sports organizations that maintain City athletic fields and provide recreational opportunities to the youth of Austin on both public and private fields.

The most significant change to the Code will address funding for utilities at the fields. The Code will authorize the City to pay utility charges for use of the fields by the youth organizations up to a maximum amount per year per field to be established annually based on the total budget allocated to PARD and the total number of fields within each approved youth sports organization.

The Code will authorize the PARD director to adopt Administrative Rules to implement the Article. The Administrative Rules shall include, but are not limited to: field maintenance and upkeep of public lands, require each youth sports organization to comply with the City's water and energy conservation regulations, supply all annual reporting requirements, and the calculation method for the utility subsidy paid by the City.