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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 30260 | Agenda Number | 26. |
| Meeting Date: | 2/13/2014 | | Department: | Parks and Recreation |
| Subject | | | | |
| <p>Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Schedule of Fees, Fines, and Other Charges to be Set or Charged by the City (Ordinance No. 20130909-003) to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to offer discounted fees for youth recreation programs for eligible low-income persons who are qualified to receive government-sponsored free or reduced fee lunches, or who provide an alternative income qualification form.</p> | | | | |
| Amount and Source of Funding | | | | |
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| Fiscal Note | | | | |
| <p>The anticipated fiscal impact is a reduction of no more than \$160,000 in general revenue obligation for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. A fiscal note attached.</p> | | | | |
| Purchasing Language: | | | | |
| Prior Council Action: | | | | |
| For More Information: | Kimberly McNeeley (512) 974-6722. | | | |
| Boards and Commission Action: | June 26, 2013 - Presented options to Audit and Finance Committee. | | | |
| MBE / WBE: | | | | |
| Related Items: | | | | |
| Additional Backup Information | | | | |

If this item is approved, Austin Parks and Recreation facilities will begin offering discounted youth programs. Beginning in February 2014, qualified persons could receive a discount not to exceed 75% of registration fees up to a maximum of \$400 per individual child for Austin Parks and Recreation youth programs offered through Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014.

Funding for financial assistance in FY 2013-2014 is limited and will be offered to those who qualify for free or reduced fee lunch, or who meet other reduced income-based criteria. Financial aid application forms will be available at the Austin Parks and Recreation Department portion of the City's web site:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/parks> and copies will also be available at Austin Parks and Recreation facilities offering youth programs.

On a partial fiscal year basis it is estimated these discounted fees will result in a reduction not to exceed \$200,000 in General Fund revenue to be partially offset by approximately \$40,000 in scholarship funding. Please see the attached fiscal note for additional information.

Attachment A includes proposed language, in red, amending the relevant page of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Schedule of Fees, Fines, and Other Charges.