Barton Springs Pool Lifetime Swim Pass

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HISTORY

- Barton Springs Pool Lifetime Pass
 - Method to Honor Individuals 85+ Years
 - 1972 City Council Approved Fee Waiver
 - 1990s Lowered Age from 85+ to 80+
 - Approximately 30 Lifetime Passes Awarded





01825 Austin History Center, Austin Public Library

CURRENT PROCESS

- Submit Written Request for Lifetime Pass to Aquatic Division
- Must meet Requirements
 - Age 80+
 - Contributed to
 Barton Springs Pool
 - Regular Swimmer at Barton Spring Pool



CURRENT PROCESS

- Create an RCA Requesting Fee Waiver
 - Present to Land and Facilities Sub Committee for Recommendation
 - Present to Parks and Recreation Board for Recommendation
 - Present to Open Space, Environmental, and Sustainability Committee for Recommendation
 - Present to City Council for Approval





- Retain Current 5 Step Process Lifetime Swim Pass Fee
 Waiver for Austin Residents 80+ Years Old
 - 1. Barton Springs Pool Only

OR

2. Barton Springs and All Municipal Pools

Barton Springs Bartholomew Deep Eddy

Mabel Davis Springwood Walnut Creek Park

Garrison Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest





OPTIONS

- Replace with an Amendment to the Fee Schedule by Adding an Admission Fee for City of Austin Residents 80+ with a Cost of \$0.00
 - Barton Springs Pool Only OR
 - 4. Barton Springs Pool and All Municipal Pools

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Walnut Creek Park



FISCAL IMPACT



Pool Charging Season

- Begins: Saturday Prior to AISD's Spring Break
- Ends: October 31

Cost

- Current Resident Senior Citizen
 Admission Fee is \$1.00
- Senior Citizen Defined as 62+



FISCAL IMPACT

- Revenues Waived are Negligible with No Projected Negative Consequences
 - Only for Residents 80+
 - Low Number Awarded Lifetime Passes since the programs inception



BENEFITS

- Health and Wellness
- Socialization

• Fixed Income

 1.5% increase in senior population from 2010 - 2017





RECOMMENDATION

Make a Recommendation to the City Council to approve an amendment the FY 2016 Fee Schedule adding a Lifetime Swim Pass fee of \$0.00 for City of Austin Residents 80+ allowing free access to all City of Austin operated/managed aquatic facilities.