

RCA CITY OF AUSTIN RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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<u>SUBJECT</u>: Approve issuing a free lifetime swim pass for Barton Springs Pool to Francis E. McIntyre.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Parks and Recreation**DIRECTOR'SDEPARTMENT:AUTHORIZATION:** Warren Struss

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Swim fees approved as part of the 2003-2004 operating budget. Similar pass last approved for one individual on September 25, 2003.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: On November 9, 1993 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended awarding swim passes to citizens 80 years of age or older who are active swimmers at Barton Springs pool.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

City Council is asked to issue a free lifetime swim pass to Francis E McIntyre. The City has established precedent in this area by recognizing other citizens 80 years old or older who are devotees of Barton Springs Pool by granting them free lifetime swimming privileges at the pool. Approximately twenty one lifetime swim passes have been awarded in the last 31 years. Council approval is required because a fee waiver is necessary to award the pass.

A pass for 40 swims costs \$32 for senior citizens. The 40 swims may be taken at any time, at the purchaser's discretion. Since no multi-swim pass covers a specific timeframe, it is difficult to determine the exact fiscal impact of this action. However, the cost is believed to be negligible with no negative consequences to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Francis E McIntyre (May 15, 1923) moved to Austin in 1957 and started swimming at Barton Springs around this time. Francis has been swimming regularly at Barton Springs since 1983.