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Parks and Recreation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM NO: 7

Subject: Approve issuing a free lifetime swim pass for Barton Springs Pool to Marion Payne.

Amount and Source of Funding: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Fiscal Note:

Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

For More Information:

Prior Council Action: Swim fees approved as part of 2005-2006 operating budget. Similar pass last approved for one individual on December 15, 2005.

Boards 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.

City Council is asked to issue a free lifetime swim pass to Marion Payne. 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 seven lifetime swim passes have been awarded in the last 42 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.

Marion Payne (December 10, 1925) began swimming at Barton Springs in 1966. Marion moved to Austin in 1966 and began swimming daily at Barton Springs in 1976.