

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 59158 Agenda Number 36.

Meeting Date: 6/23/2016 Department: Parks and Recreation

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20150908-003, the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Fees, Fines, and Other Charges to be set or charged by the City, to reduce swimming pool fees for residents of Austin who are Honorably Discharged Veterans or Veterans with a Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Rating of 10% or greater.

Amount and Source of Funding

This amendment is estimated to result in \$63,936 of unrealized revenue to the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached detailing the amount of unrealized revenue to the General Fund.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	May 12, 2016 - City Council approved Resolution # 20160512-020.
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Council Committee, Boards and	
Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On May 12, 2016, City Council adopted Resolution 20160512-020 directing the City Manager to allow all Honorably Discharged Veterans who are Austin residents to access all fee-based pools at the same entry fee as senior citizens (\$1.00) and allow all Service-Connected Disabled Veterans with a Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Rating of 10% or greater to access all fee-based pools and secure a season swim pass at no cost.

The current swimming pool admission fees for residents are as follows:

Adults single day admission \$3.00 Senior Citizens (65 years and older) single day admission \$1.00 Adult/Senior Citizen (65 years and older) swim pass (40 swims) \$34.00

Adult summer season swim pass \$180.00 (includes parking at Zilker Park) Senior Citizen summer season swim pass \$60.00 (includes parking at Zilker Park)

For year round facilities (Barton Springs, Deep Eddy, Little Stacy, Bartholomew and Springwoods Pool) the annual

charging season begins the Saturday prior to Austin Independent School District's Spring Break and ends October 31st. The annual charging season for seasonal municipal pools (Mabel Davis, Garrison, Walnut Creek Park, and Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest Swimming Pools) begins with the first day Austin Independent School District breaks for summer vacation and ends with season closure sometime in the month of September.

The revenue loss associated with a fee reduction to swimming pools for resident Honorably Discharged Veterans and free entry and admission to swimming pools for Service-Connected Disabled Veterans with a Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Rating of 10% is believed to be less than 5% of projected pool entry fee revenue. This should have no significant negative consequences to the overall revenue collected by the Parks and Recreation Department.