



**Austin City Code Amendment
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 15
AGENDA DATE: Thu 05/12/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending Section 8-1-13 of the City Code relating to Park use fees to exempt City employees from certain park, pool admission and parking fees to enhance physical fitness.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Anticipated reduction in revenues of \$24,605.

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

REQUESTING Parks and Recreation **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: **AUTHORIZATION:** Warren Struss

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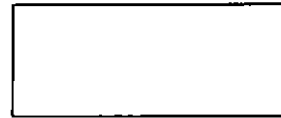
PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

The City's HealthPlus program has served as a link to healthy living to our employees by promoting a variety of ways we can enhance our physical and mental well being. Through newsletters, seminars and activities such as Exercise for Health, FitSTEPS, Healthy Approaches: Weight Loss & Exercise, the program has raised awareness to the importance of diet and exercise.

By approving the amendment to the City Code Section 8-1-13 relating to Park use fees, Council will authorize free parking in Zilker Park, free admission to City pool facilities, Lake Walter E. Long Park and Emma Long Metropolitan Park for eligible City employees. This will provide additional venues for activities in which our eligible employees can participate.

Anticipated revenues for these fees is based upon historical utilization data and not specific events.



City of Austin
CITY WIDE POLICY/PROCEDURE OF POOL ENTRY AND FEE
ENTRY PARKS

Employee Wellness Program

Department Approval: April 26, 2005
City Approval: _____

Effective Date: May 12, 2005

Purpose:

To invest in the workforce by permitting City employees to be exempt from certain entry fees at specific Parks and Recreation Department facilities. The goal is to enhance employee physical and mental well-being.

Policy:

City employees (as defined in the *Scope*) will be exempt from paying the following fees at the listed Parks and Recreation Department facilities:

- ☐ Parking fee at Zilker Park
- ☐ Vehicle or pedestrian admission at Lake Walter E. Long Park
- ☐ Vehicle or pedestrian admission at Emma Long Metropolitan Park
- ☐ Swimming pool admission at pool facilities, including Barton Springs Pool

Scope:

This procedure applies to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All employees | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary employees | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular full-time classified employees | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary seasonal employees | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probationary employees | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary On-call employees | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant funded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract employees | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Employees | <input type="checkbox"/> Interns |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular part-time classified employees | | |

Procedure:

1. The employee will be required to show the facility attendant a current City of Austin employee picture identification card.
2. Facility personnel will verify current employee status and log in facility use information necessary for tracking program utilization trends.
3. Upon admission, city employees will be required to follow all applicable facility rules

and regulations associated with facility access (i.e. curfews, fishing licenses, pool rules, etc.).

For information about location and hours of operation employees may call 974-6700 during regular business hours, or log on to <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/default.htm>

ORDINANCE NO. 20050512-000

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE SECTION 8-1-13 RELATING TO PARK USE FEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Section 8-1-13 of the City Code is amended to read:

§ 8-1-13 FEE FOR PARK USE; EXCEPTION.

(A) Except as provided in this section [~~Subsection (B)~~], a person shall pay a fee or charge established by ordinance for the use of a park or a recreational activity.

(B) A vehicle entry fee may not be charged to:

(1) a vehicle bearing a current license plate issued to a veteran with disabilities under Section 502.254 (*Veterans with Disabilities*) of the Texas Transportation Code and the driver of the vehicle; or

(2) a person holding a current state parklands passport issued under Section 13.018(a)(2) (*State Parklands Passport*) of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision in the Code, a City employee presenting a valid City identification card may not be charged a fee for:

(1) parking at Zilker Park;

(2) admission to:

(a) a City pool facility;

(b) Lake Walter E. Long Park; and

(c) Emma Long Metropolitan Park.

PART 2. The council finds that the need to promote employee health and fitness constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and

safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2005

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk