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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 13
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SUBJECT: Approve issuing a free lifetime swim pass for Barton Springs Pool to Wayne Holtzman.

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'S**
DEPARTMENT: **AUTHORIZATION:** Warren Struss

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Swim Fees approved as part of the 2005-2006 operating budget. Similar pass last approved for one individual on January 27, 2005.

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 Wayne Holtzman. 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 six 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.

Wayne Holtzman (January 16, 1923) began swimming at Barton Springs in 1950. Mr. Holtzman moved to Austin in 1949 and began swimming daily at Barton Springs a year later. Mr. Holtzman is a dedicated swimmer and has been featured in literature about Barton Springs.