CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: **Parks and Recreation**
Museums and Cultural Affairs

AGENDA DATE: **August 17, 2010 (Introduction) August 24, 2010 (Hearing and Action)**

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: **Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director (915) 541-4331**
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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: **All Districts**

SUBJECT:
APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include $ amount if applicable.

An Ordinance to standardize the eligibility age for senior fee discounts in the City of El Paso Quality of Life Departments to the age of 60 years, amending Chapter 2.40 (Department of Museums and Cultural Affairs, Section 2.40.020 (Fees) and Chapter 13.24 (City Parks and Recreation Areas) Section 13.24.200(D)(5) Park and Recreation Facility Use and Fee Authorization of the El Paso City Code.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:
Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this Action? What are the citizen concerns?

During the FY11 Budget hearings, the City Council directed the standardization of the age for eligibility of senior discounts for quality of life departments. The qualifying age for a senior discount will be lowered for programs in the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department from 63 to 60 and will be raised for programs in the Parks and Recreation Department from 55 to 60.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:
Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:
Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

**********REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**********

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

ORDINANCE NO._____

CITY CLERK DEPT.
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AN ORDINANCE TO STANDARDIZE THE ELIGIBILITY AGE FOR SENIOR FEE DISCOUNTS IN THE CITY OF EL PASO QUALITY OF LIFE DEPARTMENTS TO THE AGE OF 60 YEARS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.40 (DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, SECTION 2.40.020 (FEES) AND CHAPTER 13.24 (CITY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS) SECTION 13.24.200(D)(5) PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY USE AND FEE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso determines that there should be a standard age for eligibility and applicability of senior discounts for user fees in the quality of life departments of the City of El Paso, which will enable consistent treatment of persons throughout the programs and services offered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Section 1. That Section 2.40.020 of the El Paso City Code is amended, for the purpose of standardizing the eligibility age for senior fee discounts as follows:

A. Fees for membership and admission to classes, facility, object and exhibit rentals at the El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso Museum of History and the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, and for programs provided by the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department shall be in the amounts set forth in the budget resolution of the city council or established by the director of the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department or his designee, subject to the guidelines and requirements set forth in this chapter. For purposes of this section, persons age ~~63~~ 60 or over qualify for any senior citizen rate. Persons with a valid student identification qualify for any student rate. Persons with a valid military identification card or military family identification card qualify for any military rate.

Section 2. That Section 13.24.200(D)(5) of the El Paso City Code is amended, for the purpose of standardizing the eligibility age for senior fee discounts as follows:

5. "Senior discount" means the discount available as set forth in the fee schedule for a person who is age ~~55~~ 60 or older and who is enrolling in a leisure interest class or workshop or who is using a weight room, boxing room or billiard room on a monthly or yearly fee basis.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2010.

Section 4. Except as herein amended, the City Code of the City of El Paso shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2010.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kristen L. Choi
Assistant City Attorney

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