

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

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
Museums and Cultural Affairs

AGENDA DATE: August ²⁴17, 2010 (Introduction) August ³¹24, 2010 (Hearing and Action)

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director (915) 541-4331

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 amending Chapter 13.24 (City Parks and Recreation Areas) Section 13.24.200 Park and Recreation Facility Use And Fee Authorization, Subsection (D)(6) (Multiple Child Discount) of the El Paso City Code and Adding Subsection (E) (Fee Waiver Program) to the El Paso City Code to broaden the applicability of the multiple child discount and to provide authorization of a low-income fee waiver.

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 that the eligibility for the multi-child family discount be broadened so that enrollment could be in different vs. same programs. The City Council also established a low-income fee waiver program, which is established in the amount of \$100,000 for FY2011.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

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

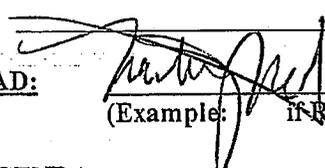
BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

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. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13.24 (CITY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS) SECTION 13.24.200 PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY USE AND FEE AUTHORIZATION, SUBSECTION (D)(6) (MULTIPLE CHILD DISCOUNT) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE AND ADDING SUBSECTION (E) (NEEDS ASSESSMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM) TO THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO BROADEN THE APPLICABILITY OF THE MULTIPLE CHILD DISCOUNT AND TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR A NEEDS ASSESSMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso determines that it is in the public interest for the City to encourage broad participation in parks and recreation programs and activities, which benefit individual persons and the community as a whole in the form of increased community involvement, improved well-being of the community's youth, improved public safety and health and greater respect for the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso determines that it is in the public interest to ensure access to public recreation activities and to enable broad participation by all segments of the community, which requires increasing the availability of such activities to persons who would otherwise face financial barriers to participation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso determines that extending the multiple child discount to apply to families who have children enrolling in different programs or activities at the same time, and the creation of a needs assessment scholarship program would further these public purposes.

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

Section 1. That Section 13.24.200(D)(6) of the El Paso City Code is amended, to read as follows:

6. "Multiple child discount" means the discount available as set forth in the fee schedule for families (household) with more than one child enrolling during the same transaction in any leisure interest class, mini sports program or other program, class or activity that requires individual registration prior to participation. This discount does not include day care and after school programs.

Section 2. That Section 13.24.200(E) is hereby added to the El Paso City Code to read as follows

E. Needs Assessment Scholarship Program. The department director is authorized to establish a Needs Assessment Scholarship Program, enabling the waiver of fees, in whole or in part, for children who are participating in leisure interest classes, mini sports programs or other programs, classes or activities that require individual registration prior to participation, and who reside the majority of the time in a household in which the gross income, within the previous 12 months, is at

or below 80% of the area median income, as established annually by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income limits, subject to income verification. Income eligibility shall be determined by the sum of the gross income of all family members residing in the household. Verifiable eligibility documentation for each participant served under this program must be maintained, updated at least every twelve months. City Council shall establish the maximum annual program funding amount and the maximum benefit per participant in the annual budget resolution. Fee waivers will be applied on a first come, first served basis. Once the maximum annual total program funding amount is reached during the fiscal year, the Needs Assessment Scholarship Program will be discontinued for the remainder of the fiscal year, subject to additional appropriation of funds to support the program. The Needs Assessment Scholarship Program does not include day care.

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

Section 4. Except as herein amended, Chapter 13.24 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:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Kristen L. Choi
Assistant City Attorney

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