

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

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**AGENDA DATE:** December 22, 2009

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Joel W. McKnight, 541-4354

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** 4

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE** a Resolution that prohibits the drilling for oil and gas and mining or reopening of any abandoned oil or gas well or mine in the City of El Paso's Sandstone Ranch Park.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

One of the requirements for grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is to prohibit drilling and surface mining in parks so funded. On August 27, 2009, the City of El Paso was awarded a TPWD grant at Sandstone Ranch Park.

Taking this action will help ensure that Sandstone Ranch Park will remain undisturbed in its designed state for public use and enjoyment of all users, and not become disturbed, obstructed or subdivided for the purposes of surface drilling and mining for oil or gas exploration or production.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

NO

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

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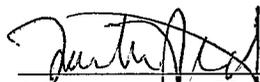
**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO TEXAS THAT:

1. It is the policy of the City of El Paso that all forms of mining and drilling for oil and gas are prohibited in the Sandstone Ranch Park, Marcus Uribe Drive, El Paso, Texas 79934.
2. It is the policy of the City of El Paso that no previously drilled and abandoned oil or gas well or mine may be reopened in the Sandstone Ranch Park, Marcus Uribe Drive, El Paso, Texas 79934.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Kristen L. Choi  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Nanette L. Smejkal, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department