

**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: 1

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 Dog Park at Westside Community Park.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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

Taking this action will help ensure that the Dog Park at Westside Community 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 mining or drilling for oil or gas exploration or production. This Resolution is also a requirement for grant funding from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

NO

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****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 Dog Park at Westside Community Park, 7400 High Ridge, El Paso, Texas 79912.
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 Dog Park at Westside Community Park, 7400 High Ridge, El Paso, Texas 79912.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

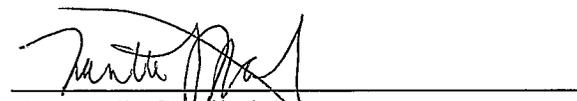
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen L. Choi
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nanette L. Smejkal, Director
Parks and Recreation Department