



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. Q
5/21/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Ordinance on final hearing, relating to Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, Etc., amending Chapter 38 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, by amending the title of Division 10 - Model Aircraft - Lake Stanley Draper Reservation, Section 38-309 - Restricted areas, Section 38-309.1 - Permits, Section 38-309.2 - Regulations; restrictions, and Section 38-309.3 - Authority of the Utilities Director, Director and Police Chief; and by amending Chapter 60 - General Schedule of Fees, Title 38 - Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, Etc., by amending Section 60-38-45 - Model aircraft permits.

Purpose:

To adopt a Resolution amending certain sections of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, in Chapter 38 and Chapter 60.

Background:

The Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust (OCWUT) has a long-standing history of recommending ordinances to revise practices, compliance, and to clarify or remove antiquated languages. This ordinance amendment includes proposed revisions to Chapter 38, Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, Etc. The current ordinance only applies to the Lake Stanley Draper Reservation, and it is the desire of OCWUT to amend Chapter 38 to apply to all The City of Oklahoma City (City) or OCWUT owned or the City or OCWUT operated lake reservations. The revised ordinance updates to Chapter 38 will better reflect the inclusion of all the City or OCWUT owned or City or OCWUT operated lake reservations and clarify language and acceptable practices. Chapter 60 already includes permit fees for the Lake Stanley Draper Reservation, and the recommended revisions to Chapter 60 will include permit fees for the Lake Hefner Reservation as well. OCWUT contracts with entities to operate and manage the City facilities and these utilities to promote these recreational public purposes and establish management agreements that include the maintenance and operation of the permitted areas.

Staff has reviewed the services provided and expenses incurred by the operators and managers and have established fees for each program to recover the costs and expenses of the City and the costs and expenses to operate and maintain each program.

The existing Ordinances (Chapter 38 - Division 10 - Sections 38-309, 38-309.1, 38-309.2, 38-309.3 and Chapter 60 Section 60-38-45), do not include rules, regulations, and restrictions of radio-controlled model aircraft or allow for the collection of permit fees to utilize the radio-controlled model aircraft location at the Lake Hefner Reservation.

Proposed amendments:

1. Additions to certain definitions.
2. Specify the effective dates of annual radio-controlled model aircraft permits.
3. Authorize the Utilities Director to designate geographic land areas for the operation of radio-controlled model aircraft activities.
4. Prohibit the refund or exchange of lost or misplaced permits.
5. Establish requirements for permittees.
6. All operators of radio-controlled model aircraft operate on City property at their own risk.
7. Establish the authority of the Utilities Director, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Chief of Police to revoke any permit for violation of any provision of the Code.
8. Establish retail fees for permits to operate radio-controlled model aircraft at the Lake Hefner Reservation:

Permit Class	Retail
Annual-Youth (Under 19 years)	\$15.00
Annual-Adult (19 and older)	\$50.00
Guest-Adult (30 days)	\$15.00

Permits will be sold to the public at the retail fee set in the ordinance.

Revenue:

Approximately \$4,000 annually from the sale of permits.

Source of Funds:

OCWUT-Water Non-Rate Payer Fund-Permits-Hefner Annual Model Aircraft (6070-3901700-REV2100-40650046)

OCWUT-Water Non-Rate Payer Fund-Permits-Hefner Guest Model Aircraft (6070-3901700-REV2100-40650047)

Review:

Utilities

Recommendation: Ordinance be adopted.