



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. M
12/3/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

1. Public hearing regarding Ordinance relating to the General Schedule of Fees, amending Chapter 60 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, Title 38 – Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, etc., by repealing Article IV – General Park Regulations, in its entirety; and enacting a new Article IV - General Park Regulations, relating to fees for park event permits and reservations; and repealing Article VIII – City-Owned Parks Leased, Developed, or Operated by a Public Trust, in its entirety; and amending Article X – North Canadian River Corridor Recreation Area, Division 2 – Regulations in General, by amending Section 60-38-61 – Permit fees; and providing for an effective date; and
2. Public hearing regarding Resolution establishing rental and admission fees for park facilities and amenities which are located in public parks operated by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Purpose:

To amend Parks fees in Chapter 60 and approve resolution establishing new Parks fees

Background:

The proposed ordinance amendments would repeal Chapter 60, Title 38, Articles IV and VIII of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, (“Code”). That portion of the Code would be replaced with a new Chapter 60, Title 38, Article IV for special event permit fees, revocable permit fees, professional and commercial photography/videography fees, and staff fees when event activities require a staff person’s presence. The amendment also adds clarifying language that permit fees are not charged for Oklahoma City municipal government business, that the terms of Operation and Management agreements for Parks facilities take precedence over ordinance fees, and that the City can accept in-kind consideration for events covered by established partnership agreements pursuant to OKC Parks departmental policy.

Reservation fees for the use of public facilities, such as the private rental of pavilions, athletic fields, community centers, etc., have been removed from the ordinance and will be established by Council resolution on the final hearing date of the ordinance amendment.

An amendment to Section 60-38-61 of the Code clarifies that the Regatta Park Plaza (“Plaza”) restroom building may be rented, for an additional fee, under a special event permit to use the Plaza. Another change to this section adds a staff fee for event activities that require a staff member’s presence. Language about factors that trigger requirements for a staff member’s presence during permitted events is also added.

The ordinance amendment was recommended for approval by the Park Commission on March 20, 2024, and by the Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority on March 26, 2024.

Review:

Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Public hearing be held.