



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX. BK  
9/27/2022

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Agricultural Use Agreement with Kenneth Griggs, for hay cultivation at Swisher Park, 9400 SW 15th Street, revenue of \$200, September 27, 2022 through September 26, 2023. Ward 3.

**Location:**

Swisher Park, 9400 Southwest 15th Street

**Background:**

In 2020, the City purchased approximately 130 acres of property at the above location (Site), which was later designated as "Swisher Park." For a number of years, Kenneth Griggs (Permittee) has cultivated hay at the Site, including by arrangement with its previous owner.

In 2021, as requested by Permittee, the City approved an Agricultural Use Agreement (Agreement) allowing him to continue short-term hay cultivation at the Site. That Agreement expired, and Permittee requested to continue his activities for another year. Because the City has no immediate plans to construct park amenities at the Site, or to operate it as a public park, Permittee's actions would benefit the City by reducing maintenance costs.

Under the Agreement, Permittee can keep the hay he harvests at the site. As consideration, Permittee will pay the City \$200, plus 5% of the gross proceeds from any sale of the hay.

All activities under the Agreement will be at Permittee's expense. The Agreement will be effective for one year. The City may terminate it, without cause, upon 30 calendar days' notice.

Permittee must indemnify the City; protect City property; and comply with applicable laws, rules, and policies. Permittee and his adult relatives working at the site must provide signed releases. No minors or others may work at the site under this Agreement.

**Revenue:**

\$200 to be deposited in the General Fund – General Operations – Parks – Facility Leases – Agreements (001 – 0001 – 42050019)

**Review:**

Parks and Recreation

**Recommendation:** Agreement be approved.