

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FEE CHANGES FOR ATHLETICS IN 2016

Historically, the Parks Division has charged for athletic fields and courts on a per game or per day basis. Parks is proposing to transition to an hourly rate and in some cases with a two or three hour minimum for premier facilities. For example, for most of the softball and soccer fields, Parks was charging \$115 for the first reservation and \$45 for each additional reservation and there was no time limit as to how long the patrons could use the field. It could be one hour or an entire day. Parks' new pricing structure takes into consideration how long the field or court is in use and the type of field or court that is reserved. Scheduling fields for specific timeframes allows other users to reserve field space and helps meet our growing demand for athletic space. Parks is also proposing a one-time annual administrative scheduling fee of \$25 for the first reservation of the season. The grand total price of softball diamonds, soccer fields, and all types of courts, would increase or decrease for the user depending on how long the reservations are for and how frequently they are using the space. Parks will reduce the fee for temporary structures if a field or court is reserved. A new fee schedule has been developed for amplified sound permits that is more specific to the type of sound and decibel level.

Example of fee changes:

Softball diamonds at fenced locations:

2015:

- \$115 for any amount of time.
- \$45 each additional date.
- Two date total: \$160 + tax

PROPOSED 2016:

- \$60 for a four hour block and a one-time annual \$25 scheduling fee.
- One date total: \$85 + tax
- Next date: \$60 for a four hour block.
- Two date total: \$145 + tax.
- **Total customer savings: \$15**

Tennis, basketball, & volleyball courts:

2015:

- \$115 for any amount of time.
- \$45 each additional date.
- Two date total: \$160 + tax

PROPOSED 2016:

- \$15 for a four hour block and a one-time annual \$25 scheduling fee.
- One date total: \$40 + tax
- Next date: \$15 for a four hour block.
- Two date total: \$65 + tax
- **Total customer savings: \$95**

Parks has developed an online application for field and court rental that includes a page about policies and guidelines for making payments. In the past, reservations were made over the telephone and staff sent out invoices at the end of the season. Parks requests approval to require a minimum of a 50% down payment at the time of scheduling and a deadline for full payment within two weeks of final reservations for the season.

Parks will implement a cancellation and refund policy that follows the same guidelines as shelter rentals. In the past, there was no cancellation or refund policy in place.