Legislation Text

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TITLE:

PARKS AND RECREATION PROPOSED USER FEE INCREASES

DEPARTMENT: **FINANCE**

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Community Services Commission review and approve proposed user fee increases to become effective for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

BACKGROUND:

On June 6, 2023, the City Council approved the consolidated schedule of user and regulatory fees for various city services. The purpose of this action was to consolidate the City's multiple existing user and regulatory fees into one schedule and implement a practice of annual review and adjustment of fees.

The consolidated schedule enhances transparency and ease of use for the public when trying to ascertain the cost of City services. The City Council adopted the consolidated schedule and directed staff to implement an annual review of fees as part of the City's normal course of business operations.

The Costa Mesa Municipal code states that the Parks and Community Services Commission sets the fees to be charged to participants in recreation and community programs and classes in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the city council. CMMC 12-71 (f)

The City is currently working with a consultant to conduct a comprehensive User Fee study. Staff from the Parks and Community Services department staff met with the consultant to identify fees to be studied.

ANALYSIS:

On May 21, 2026, the Commission reviewed proposed recreation fee adjustments from the City's consultant. The Commission requested the fees be brought back, adjusted for CPI, to review all fees. The proposed Parks and Community Services master fee schedule (Attachment 1) shows current fees, proposed increases according to CPI and the addition of new proposed fees.

ALTERNATIVES:

Continue with current fee levels for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, making no adjustments at this time.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Adjusting fees and billing rates will provide a fiscal impact in the form of additional revenue that allows the City to better recoup its costs.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this agenda report and approves as to form.

CONCLUSION:

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