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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 3, 2025
To: Planning Department / Commission
From: Brent Jalipa, Clerk of the Budget and Appropriations Committee
Subject: Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 250604
Park Code - Cost Recovery for Use of Golf Courses, Outdoor Event Facilities, Picnic Areas,
and Athletic Fields

- ☒ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination
(*California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.*)
 - ☒ Ordinance / Resolution
 - ☐ Ballot Measure
- ☐ Amendment to the Planning Code, including the following Findings:
(*Planning Code, Section 302(b): 90 days for Planning Commission review*)
 - ☐ General Plan ☐ Planning Code, Section 101.1 ☐ Planning Code, Section 302
- ☐ Amendment to the Administrative Code, involving Land Use/Planning
(*Board Rule 3.23: 30 days for possible Planning Department review*)
- ☐ General Plan Referral for Non-Planning Code Amendments
(*Charter, Section 4.105, and Administrative Code, Section 2A.53*)
(Required for legislation concerning the acquisition, vacation, sale, or change in use of City property; subdivision of land; construction, improvement, extension, widening, narrowing, removal, or relocation of public ways, transportation routes, ground, open space, buildings, or structures; plans for public housing and publicly-assisted private housing; redevelopment plans; development agreements; the annual capital expenditure plan and six-year capital improvement program; and any capital improvement project or long-term financing proposal such as general obligation or revenue bonds.)
- ☐ Historic Preservation Commission
 - ☐ Landmark (*Planning Code, Section 1004.3*)
 - ☐ Cultural Districts (*Charter, Section 4.135 & Board Rule 3.23*)
 - ☐ Mills Act Contract (*Government Code, Section 50280*)
 - ☐ Designation for Significant/Contributory Buildings (*Planning Code, Article 11*)

Please send the Planning Department/Commission recommendation/determination to Brent Jalipa at Brent.Jalipa@sfgov.org.

[Park Code - Cost Recovery for Use of Golf Courses, Outdoor Event Facilities, Picnic Areas, and Athletic Fields]

Ordinance amending the Park Code to authorize the Recreation and Park Department to add a cost recovery surcharge to the fees for the use of City golf courses, outdoor event facilities, picnic areas, and athletic fields, to help cover stormwater and other costs related to maintaining those City properties; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions to Codes are in ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.
Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
Board amendment deletions are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Environmental Findings.

The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. ____ and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.

Section 2. Purpose.

Like many City departments, the Recreation and Park Department has begun to experience increased costs to operate and maintain its properties, including due to an updated structure for sewer bills that will lead to the Department paying an increased amount

1 for stormwater runoff from park property. These updates have led to the projection of deep,
2 structural deficits to the Recreation and Park Department's budget that could trigger cuts to
3 essential park services. The Board of Supervisors finds it is necessary to adjust the fees for
4 using the park facilities that contribute most to these costs, so that the Department can
5 continue to maintain existing levels of service across the board.

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7 Section 3. Article 12 of the Park Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 12.12,
8 12.22, 12.23, and 12.36, to read as follows:

9 **SEC. 12.12. GOLF FEES – GENERAL.**

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11 (g) **Cost Recovery Fee.** For the use of the City Golf Courses, the Department shall require
12 each player to pay an additional surcharge of \$4 per nine holes, or \$6 per 18 holes, to cover operating
13 costs related to the Golf Courses.

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15 **SEC. 12.22. EVENTS.**

16 The following fees shall be charged for use of the parks for events:

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18 (i) **Cost Recovery Fee for Outdoor Events.** The Department shall require an additional
19 surcharge of 10% for the use of the parks for outdoor events, to cover operating costs related to the
20 outdoor event facilities.

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22 **SEC. 12.23. PICNICS.**

23 The following fees shall be charged for use of the parks for picnics per day:

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1 (d) Cost Recovery Fee. For the use of picnic areas, the Department shall require an additional
2 surcharge of \$5 for picnics with up to 100 participants, and \$25 for picnics with more than 100
3 participants, to cover operating costs related to the picnic areas.

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5 **SEC. 12.36. ATHLETIC FIELD FEES.**

6 The following fees shall be charged for use of the athletic fields:

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8 (c) Cost Recovery Fee. The Department shall require an additional surcharge of \$1 per hour
9 for the use of the athletic fields to cover operating costs related to the athletic fields.

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11 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
12 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
13 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within 10 days of receiving it, or the Board
14 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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16 Section 5. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
17 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
18 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
19 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment
20 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under
21 the official title of the ordinance.

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23 Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word
24 of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be
25 invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision

1 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of the ordinance. The
2 Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and
3 every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or
4 unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portion of this ordinance or application
5 thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

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7 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
8 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

9 By: /s/
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Deputy City Attorney

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Existing Law

The Park Code sets the fees that the Recreation and Park Department may charge for the use of various park facilities.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would add a "cost recovery surcharge" on top of the fees that the Recreation and Park Department currently charges for the use of certain park facilities. Specifically, there would be an added surcharge of \$4 per 9 holes of golf or \$6 per 18 holes of golf; 10% for the use of the outdoor event facilities; \$5 for picnics with up to 100 participants and \$25 for picnics with more than 100 participants; and \$1 per hour for the use of athletic fields.

Background Information

The Recreation and Park Department has begun to experience increased costs to operate and maintain its property, including due to an updated structure for sewer bills that will lead to the Department paying an increased amount for stormwater runoff from park property. These cost increases could trigger cuts to essential park services if not addressed. The proposal is intended to adjust the fees for the park facilities that contribute most to these cost increases, so that the Department can continue to maintain existing levels of service across the board.

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