

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[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.

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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