

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 51

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-059
FEBRUARY 3, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
TEMPORARY WAIVER OF SOFTBALL COMPLEX FEES	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD M. TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

Repeal ordinance to temporarily waive softball complex fees generated through adult softball due to softball complex construction delay.

FISCAL IMPACT —

No fiscal impact. Fees will be reinstated with the construction timetable as originally set.

RECOMMENDATION —

Staff recommends that the Softball complex ordinance fee be repealed until construction begins at the softball complex.

BACKGROUND —

On March 15, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-843, the City of Des Moines approved a complex fee for participants to assist in financing a softball complex; construction was slated to begin in 1993 or 1994. The complex fee was created to provide financial support for the project from the future users of the complex. A special escrow account was established to secure and track funds needed for the development of the Softball Sports Complex.

This softball complex is located on N.E. 46th Avenue in Polk County. Construction has been delayed pending litigation and fund-raising drives.

Due to increasing participant concerns on delays in acquiring and developing the site, staff recommends temporarily waiving the complex fee until construction begins. With continued success of fund-raising, construction is expected to commence in late 1997 or early 1998. To date, revenues collected from this fee have been \$142,000.

To expedite promotion of the new summer softball season user fees, the Park and Recreation Director recommends waiving the second and third reading to repeal this softball complex fee ordinance.