



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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| <b>Date</b>   | February 12, 2007 |
| <b>Agenda Item No.</b>  | <b>62</b>         |
| <b>Roll Call No.</b>  | <b>07-</b>        |
| <b>Communication No.</b>  | <b>07-065</b>     |
| <b>Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Parks and Recreation Director</b> |                   |

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code regarding rental fees for baseball and softball diamonds.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of an ordinance to change rental fees for ball diamonds (baseball and softball) according to the chart below:

| <u>Use</u>  | <u>Current Fee</u>   | <u>Recommended Fee</u>   |
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| Educational Institution   | No Charge  | No Charge  |
| <b>Tournament Fees</b> (When admissions fees or advanced admission fees are charged as a part of the tournament registration)   |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply to Carney, Chesterfield and Savage, Stone, Birdland, Cownie, Greater Des Moines.</li> <li>• Fees include lining and chalking every three games at facilities that have on-site staff.</li> <li>• Recreation Supervisor and Head Grounds Keeper have the right to determine number of dragging/linings per tournament.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| Tournament Admission Fee:   | No previous fee  | \$50.00 per team   |
| Tournament Field Rental   | \$52.50  | \$65.00 per field / per day  |
| Tournament Field Rental after 5:00 p.m.   | No previous fee  | \$35.00 per field / per day  |
| Additional dragging/lining  | No previous fee  | \$15.00 per field  |
| <b>League Fees</b> (Leagues that charge a fee and use City facilities for practices and league games)   |  |  |
| Rental for Games & Practices  | No previous fee  | \$15.00 per hour before 6:00 pm<br>\$25.00 per hour for lights after 6:00 pm |
| <b>Neighborhood Practices</b> (Practices scheduled and paid for by the team using the field)  |  |  |
| Rental for Practice   | \$5.25 per hour before 6:00 pm<br>\$10.50 per hour after 6:00 pm | \$6.00 per hour before 6:00 pm<br>\$12.00 per hour after 6:00 pm             |
| <b>Adult Baseball</b> (Birdland Only)   |  |  |
| Rental for Practice and Games   | \$5.25 per hour before 6:00 pm<br>\$10.50 per hour after 6:00 pm | \$6.00 per hour before 6:00 pm<br>\$12.00 per hour after 6:00 pm             |

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$3,500 (revenues)

Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2006-07 Operating Budget, Park and Recreation Department, Athletics and Sports Tourism, GE001 PKS100400, page 146.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Des Moines Park and Recreation Board recommends that the above fee structure be adopted for Park and Recreation ball fields. The above fees have not been adjusted for at least the past ten years and are designed to aid in supporting the overall Athletics and Sports Tourism operation.

Tournament rental fees would include dragging and lining at the beginning of each day and every two games or as determined by the Park and Recreation Supervisor and Head Grounds Keeper, depending on the number of games, location, and facility. Tournament directors would be allowed to drag and line between games at the discretion of the Park and Recreation Supervisor and Heads Grounds Keeper. For additional dragging and lining of fields, the fee would be \$15.00 per field per lining.

The City of West Des Moines charges \$65.00 per field per day for their ball fields, plus an additional \$25.00 per hour for lights. This fee only provides one dragging/lining in the morning. Additional maintenance fees are negotiated based on the number of teams and requested maintenance levels. Since these fees are new to the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department, staff is recommending \$15.00 per hour for League use, including games and practices. This is at a higher rate than neighborhood practices because the participants are being charged a league fee to a private operator for use of public facilities. The adult baseball rate is recommended to match the neighborhood rate because this service is not currently being provided in the community. The City has a long-term relationship with the Des Moines Semi-Pro Baseball League, and they have invested in Birdland Baseball Field over the years.

If a tournament director chooses to sell products or services at a City venue as a part of their event, the City's ordinance related to concession sales would apply based on the venue chosen. There are additional limitations on products being sold as the City has Concessionaire / Lease Agreements at Cownie Baseball, Greater Des Moines and Savage Softball, with the City receiving a percentage of gross sales.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Date: January 23, 2007

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Park and Recreation Board approved recommendation to Des Moines City Council regarding rental fees for ball fields.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**