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	Agenda Item No. 41 Roll Call No. <u>16-1925</u> Communication No. <u>16-628</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving amendment to Chapter 74 Article IV. Facilities and Article VI. Fees of the City Code for various Park and Recreation fees and rules.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval to amend Chapter 74 of the City Code for various Park and Recreation fees and rules, including:

Article IV. Facilities

Sec. 74-92. Consumption of Alcohol

Article VI. Fees

Sec.74-176. Ball diamonds, tennis, volleyball courts and soccer fields

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$10,000 projected additional calendar year revenue commencing January 2017 under Sec.74-176

Funding Source: 2016-2017 Operating Budget, Park and Recreation, Athletics and Sports Tourism, G001 PK201263, page 164.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Staff has reviewed Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code in relation to changing select recreation fees and permit costs. Recommended recreation fee changes reflect current business practices and expenses as well as the need for periodic updating of fees based on demand and comparable market rates. These recommendations are broken down by code section in the narrative below:

Section 74-92. Consumption of alcohol; intoxication

- 1) Permit possession or consumption of beer and wine at the Birdland Marina.
The Park and Recreation Department is preparing a contract with a food and beverage vendor for primary access to serve at this location. If approved, the vendor would be allowed to serve beer and wine at the Birdland Marina only in the service building and the designated outdoor area immediately surrounding the building (shown on map below).



Section 74-176. Ball diamonds, tennis, volleyball courts and soccer fields

- 1) Charge \$45 per game rental fee for youth baseball tournaments at the James W. Cownie Baseball Park and Carney Ball Park, which is supported by the current operator of the baseball park, South Des Moines Little League.

Current tournament field rental fee is \$100 per field, per day at the Greater Des Moines Softball Park, Savage Park and Cownie Baseball Park. This proposal is only for the James W. Cownie Baseball and Carney Park in relation to youth baseball tournaments. These are the only locations that level of play is currently allowed.

- 2) Charge \$5 per hour to reserve a City-owned outdoor tennis and pickleball court. Currently there is no system or fee structure in place to reserve a tennis or pickleball court, however there have been numerous requests. Many high schools, colleges and private instructors use the courts for practices, tournaments and lessons. Reservations would still be contingent on a review and approval by the Recreation Manager. The addition of a fee will generate new revenues and aid in the management and maintenance of all courts in the Parks and Recreation system. Drop-in tennis use will still be permitted at all tennis or pickleball courts on a first come, first serve basis with only an official reservation overriding that use. A measure for ensuring that courts are available for drop-in tennis or pickleball use will be that any neighborhood facility will only ever be allowed to have 50% of the courts reserved with the remaining courts being left open for drop-in use. Furthermore, no 1 neighborhood court may be reserved for more than four consecutive hours at any one facility. Waveland and Birdland Tennis Complexes will abide by the

policy when not scheduled for school or major event use or for other events approved by the Recreation Manager. These complexes and specific instances will be the only exceptions to the policy.

Staff recommends these fees to be implemented effective January 1, 2017.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 23, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-2000](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code regarding Parks and Recreation fees. ([Council Communication No. 13-619](#)) Moved by Coleman that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Park and Recreation Board

Date: October 25, 2016

Resolution Number: 16-079

Action: Motion by Feltner to approve proposed Chapter 74 fee amendments. Second by Fanter. Motion carried.

Board: Park and Recreation Board

Date: September 27, 2016

Resolution Number: 16-073

Action: Motion by Davis to receive and file the proposed Chapter 74 fee changes. Second by Woodard. Motion carried.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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