

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



Number:	26-044	Meeting:	February 9, 2026
Agenda Item:	45	Roll Call:	26-0202
Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Parks and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 74 Parks and Recreation updating specific fees for use of facilities.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of a change to Municipal Code Chapter 74 Parks and Recreation to revert the Community Recreation Center entrance fees for youth under 19 years of age to \$0.00 (no cost).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The proposed fee changes are estimated to minimally decrease revenue received by the City.

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Chapter 74 of the Des Moines Municipal Code is dedicated to the organization and management of the City parks and recreation facilities and outlines the role of the Parks and Recreation Board, the authority of the Parks and Recreation Director, operation of City parks and recreation facilities, and many fees for use of facilities.
- All changes to the City Municipal Code must be approved by City Council, including the following presented to the Parks and Recreation Board consideration:

Article V. Fees

- *Section 74-180(a). Community recreation center building rentals* – The proposed change reverts the daily, monthly, and annual pass admission fees for youth under 19 years of age to \$0.00 (no cost) for entry.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 22, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1724](#) and [25-1725](#)

Action: Amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code relating to Parks and Recreation. (Council Communication No. 25-469) Moved by Voss that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Coleman. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) Final consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by Ben Page, Parks and Recreation Director), requires six votes. Moved by Voss that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #16,529. Second by Coleman. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: January 27, 2026

Resolution Number: 26-004

Action: Motion by Davis to approve as presented. Second by Avila. Motion carried.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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