

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE PARKS CODE

Proposed changes to the code essentially revise the order of the information included therein as well as modify a couple of items related to departmental operations. A brief description and summary of the proposed code revisions is contained herein and entitled “Organization” and “Content”.

ORGANIZATION: The code outline has been modified in a manner that helps more clearly define the content. Ordinances from various other cities were reviewed to help determine the outline, flow of information provided, and content. The new organization is intended to simplify the content allowing the content to be easier to find and better understood.

For example, a definition of all terms has been added in Article I; Board related information is contained at the front of the code; the department name is revised to Parks and Recreation to reflect the actual operational areas; and all rules are in one Article including those for tennis, dog park, general park use, etc. A table comparing the existing code to the proposed is attached.

| EXISTING CODE | PROPOSED CODE |
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| Article I: In General | Article I: In General |
| Article II: PROS Board | Article II: PROS Board |
| Article III: Rental and Usage Fees | Article III: MASMCM Board |
| Article IV: Tennis Courts | Article IV: Parks and Recreation |
| Article V: Athletic Fields | Article V: Park Rules and Regulations |
| Article VI: Traffic | Article VI: Facility Use, Program Rental Fees and Charges |
| Article VII: Reserved | Article VII: Permitting Process |
| Article VIII: McKinney Performing Arts Center at the Historic Collin County Courthouse | Article VIII: Youth Standards of Care |
| Article IX: MASMCM Board | Article IX: McKinney Performing Arts Center at the Historic Collin County Courthouse |
| Appendix A: Schedule of Fees | Article X: No Private Right of Action |

CONTENT: Revisions to the content of the code have been made to reconcile existing inconsistencies in our operations and add items to enhance our services. Content that has been revised are primarily related to the following: fees, with exception of user fees, have been removed and policy direction on establishing fees administratively has been added; a permitting process for special events held in parks has been added; and a Youth Standards of Care related to kids camp programs has been added.

Fee revisions allow staff to establish fees administratively based on market and / or City Council direction. There are currently more fees established by the department that are not included in the code than those that are. In addition, some of the fees in the code are no longer applicable. Due to the volume and frequency of fees being established for parks programs, it is recommended that these be removed from the code entirely. This will allow flexibility for staff to add programs throughout the year, and allow all fees to be established in a similar and more consistent manner.

The addition of permitting processes will allow staff to approve use of a park for up to 74 people in a manner that precludes the general public from using the facility. There is an existing City special event process that addresses permitting processes for groups of 75 or more people. This addition will address groups of a smaller size and allow the department to approve the request administratively.

Finally, an Article entitled "Youth Standards of Care" has been added to ensure the camps we provide are not classified or considered to be a Day Care program which would mandate compliance with certain Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Child Care Licensing requirements.