

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

AGENDA ITEM 22-O-07



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Meeting Date: 09/13/2022

Presented By: Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney, and
R.W. Ryan, Public Services Director

Proposed Consent: No

Originating Department: City Attorney, Public Services, Public Works

Action Requested: Adoption of Ordinance 22-O-07 to amend Chapter 148, Peace and Good Order, to authorize the adoption of rules and regulations for City fields, parks and playgrounds by Council resolution.

Strategic Plan Objective: #1 Innovate and improve City services to enhance quality, value and accessibility for all our residents

Background/Justification:

City staff from Public Works and Public Services have proposed rules for the use and permitting of City recreational facilities, including parks, playgrounds, fields and associated buildings. These are attached in draft revision of City Recreational Facilities Rules and Regulations and new draft Rules and Regulations for Parks and Recreation Areas.

The attached Ordinance to amend Chapter 148 to adopt recreational facility and park rules, and allow enforcement, was introduced on July 19, 2022. The Public Hearing is scheduled for September 13. Once the ordinance is effective, the City Recreational Facilities Rules and Regulations and the Rules and Regulations for Parks and Recreation Areas, which have been drafted based on recommendations by the Departments of Public Services and Public Works, may be adopted by Council Resolution. The rules would also allow the City Manager discretion in reducing or deleting insurance requirements for one-time social events, such as birthday parties.

When reviewing Chapter 148, which has not been revised in many years, it was determined that most of the provisions were outdated, included in other parts of the City Code, or better enforced through State and County laws. The Chapter has been amended to delete these provisions, and renamed to include a reference to regulation of City recreational facilities.

Fiscal Impact:

Fees for field use are proposed to remain the same as shown.

Council Options:

- #1: Adopt Ordinance 22-O-07, an ordinance amending Chapter 148 of the City Code as attached.
- #2: Adopt Ordinance 22-O-07 with changes.
- #3: Take no action at this time.

Staff Recommendation:

#1

Recommended Motion:

I move to adopt Ordinance 22-O-07, amending Chapter 148 Peace and Good Order, to authorize the adoption of rules and regulations for City fields, parks and playgrounds by Council resolution.

Attachment(s):

1. Chapter 148
2. Ordinance 22-O-07
3. Draft City Recreation Facilities Rules and Regulations
4. Draft Park Rules and Regulations