



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** October 30, 2024

**TITLE:**

Proposal to amend the B3 code by adding a section to create a Community Enrichment Fund to be used to fund park development, improvement, and art in parks.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The B3 code was adopted in November of 2019, and subsequently amended in April of 2022. From 2016 to 2023, Bastrop's population grew by approximately 34.3%. With the increased growth from Austin to the west, the availability of large land parcels, the availability of water, and abundant natural resources, the growth shows no signs of slowing.

The residents of Bastrop are seeking improved quality of life that comes with growth. The Parks and Recreation department is funded by the General Fund and is often in competition with other city departments such as Police, Fire, and Library.

The proposed ordinance would create a fee in lieu of land dedication where a developer finds it more prudent to pay into a fund where the City could develop or improve an existing park as opposed to the creation of a park within the development.

The fee would be used to fund land acquisition for parks, equipment, and a portion allocated to art in public places within the improved park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend the amendments as proposed by staff.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Amendment in Redline.