
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation
FROM: Jen Basham, Director
MEETING: July 5, 2022

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of an ordinance amending the code of ordinances by repealing and replacing Article 8 (Park and Recreation Development) of Appendix A (Subdivision and Development) for the purpose of modifying the parkland dedication requirements with subdivision development, modifying the percentage amount of floodplain that may be part of the parkland dedication, modifying the method in calculating the fee in lieu of parkland dedication, modifying the types of credits that may be issued, and modifying the method in calculating the park infrastructure fee; providing a cumulative clause; providing severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication; and providing an effective date. (Final Reading) *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Parks and Recreation Director)*

SUMMARY:

In 2008 the City of Burleson began collecting fees and land for the development of the park system. Dedication requirements were created to offset the impact residential development has on the city's level of service for parks. A fee in lieu could be collected if a developer did not have suitable land to dedicate. A development fee was also created to contribute to the cost for building a standard neighborhood park.

The City's current level of service requires one acre for every 100 dwelling units for a development. A fee in lieu of \$300 per dwelling unit and a development fee of \$300 per dwelling unit.

Staff has revised the calculations based off Burleson's current level of service of parks as well as the increased demand on our system from new developments. These calculations are based on creating an equitable proportion of cost to the toll of a development Using census data to understand the average amount of people per household for single and multi-family new formulas have been created to develop appropriate fees.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Recommend as presented
- 2) Recommend with changes

- 3) Maintain current fee structure

PREVIOUS ACTION:

Park Board met on March 31, 2022 and unanimously recommended approval

Staff briefed the City Council on May 2, 2022

- Council recommended the proposed fees and credits, as presented, but requested staff consider options for tree preservation credits based on varying size

Staff presented the draft Park Land Dedication ordinance to the Park Board on June 9th, who recommended approval unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends proceeding with the proposed parkland dedication and development requirements as presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

TBD

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