



Item Brief

Meeting Date

April 22, 2025

Agenda Item

Discuss and consider action: Ordinance No. 2025-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURNET, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 74-38 ENTITLED "GOLF COURSE RATES"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE: T. Nash

Information

The proposed ordinance amends Section 74-38 of the City of Burnet Code of Ordinances to update selected rates and policies for Delaware Springs Golf Course.

Key Changes Include:

- Green Fees: Weekday 18-hole green fee increases by \$2.00 to \$36.00; Weekend/Holiday green fee increases by \$2.00 to \$49.00.
- Walking: Walking is not permitted before 1:00 p.m. on weekends or holidays.
- Twilight Hours: Defined as after 2:00 p.m. during Standard Time and after 3:00 p.m. during Daylight Saving Time.
- BCISD Golf Teams: BCISD junior high and high school golf team members receive one free range bucket during twilight hours. Additional buckets are charged at the standard rate. The free green fee must be used with a golf coach or responsible adult aged 21 or older.
- Range Balls: Fee for a bucket increases by \$2.00 to \$10.00.
- 9-Hole Rates: Not available before 1:00 p.m. on any day of the week.
- Player Development Program (PDP): Monthly fee increases by \$20 to \$69.99 and includes unlimited range balls. Rates are per calendar month and are not prorated.

At the September 24, 2024 Council Meeting, staff was directed to evaluate a potential discount for golfers residing within the Burnet city limits. Staff conducted three surveys to determine the proportion of residents using the course:

- February 7–8: 51 of 308 golfers (16.5%)
- February 15–16: 17 of 214 golfers (7.9%)
- April 12: 18 of 206 golfers (8.7%)
- Total: 86 of 728 golfers (11.8%)

Based on this data, a proposed \$5.00 discount for Burnet residents on 18-hole green fee (\$2.00 for 9-hole green fee)- similar to current discounts for seniors, juniors, active military, and first responders- would result in an estimated annual revenue loss of approximately \$4,000. Staff recommends implementing the resident discount and, in alignment with current practice, formally stating in the ordinance that discounts may not be combined.

Even with these rate adjustments, Delaware Springs Golf Course remains competitively priced compared to other courses in the surrounding region- and is particularly competitive relative to those located in the Austin metro area.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed rate increases are projected to generate higher revenue per round played.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. R2025-19 as presented.