



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Common Council Meeting

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Item Title: Recreation Program Nonresident Fee Policy

Submitted By: Amy Jo Meyers, Recreation Director

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

At the request of City Council, the Recreation Committee met on June 9 to develop recommended revisions to the policy presented at the June 3, 2025, meeting.

Residents contribute to the funding of our recreation programs through local tax support. To ensure fairness and maintain accessibility, we've implemented a fee structure that distinguishes between residents and nonresidents.

This policy helps balance program affordability with fiscal responsibility by accounting for the financial contributions of city taxpayers.

I am seeking any additional comments and/or your approval of this policy moving forward. While we do currently charge nonresidents a higher registration fee, this written policy is intended to formalize the practice and have it on record for consistency and transparency.

Program Fees & Nonresident Policy

Program fees vary for Residents (R) and Nonresidents (NR). Resident fees are partially supported by local tax dollars.

For most programs, Nonresidents pay either 50% more than the resident fee or an additional \$10—whichever is less. Some programs may have higher Nonresident fees due to increased operating costs.

Residents are individuals who live within city limits. Nonresidents are those who live outside city limits, even if they have a Columbus address or a fire number.

Currently, community center programs are exempt from this fee difference.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

None

Action Requested of Council: Approval of Nonresident Fee Policy for the City of Columbus Recreation Department.