

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE LEON VALLEY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS, ARTICLE 1.09 PARKS AND RECREATION, SECTION 1.09.034 ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED USES AND ACTIVITIES AND APPENDIX A FEE SCHEDULE, SECTION A2.003 PARK MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; WITH PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND PROVIDING A CONFLICTS PROVISION.

WHEREAS, the City of Leon Valley strives to provide a safe and welcoming parks system for the enjoyment of all residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, special events held at parks have had significant impacts on other park users and on the Police and Fire Departments in providing security and assuring fire safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds it necessary to amend the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article 1.09 Parks and Recreation to address concerns regarding these special events;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS:

Section 1. Amendment. That the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article 1.09 Parks and Recreation, Section 1.09.034 Additional Prohibited Uses and Activities and Appendix A Fee Schedule, Section A2.003 Park Municipal Park Administrative Fees, are hereby amended as follows:

Section 1.09.034 – Prohibited Activities and Uses – adding:

“(i) Special Events - any group or organization, with or without vendors, renting one or more park facilities (e.g., pavilions, athletic fields, tennis/basketball courts) that significantly impact park resources, as determined by the Leon Valley Police and Fire Departments, during a single day, week, or weekend.

The following process is required for special events:

- 1) Submit a completed “Special Event” application to the Public Works Director, including the fee prescribed in Appendix A Fee Schedule.
- 2) The application will be reviewed by the Police and Fire Departments for recommendations.
- 3) Arrangements for security must be coordinated with the Leon Valley Police Department. Event logistics require approval from both the Police and Fire Departments.
- 4) Security and traffic control costs will be the responsibility of the event organizer.
- 5) Special events must obtain a variance as recommended by the Park Commission and approved by the City Council.

(j) Violations Punishable by Fine

Violations of this section constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.00. Additionally, violators will bear all costs incurred by the city for managing the special event. Each violation is considered a separate offense.”

Appendix A Fee Schedule, Section A2.003 Municipal Park Administrative Fees – adding:

“(g) Special Event Permit Fee: \$500.00 per event, in addition to rental fees of each park amenity, cleanup fees, private security, and traffic control activities, as required by the Leon Valley Police Department.”

Appendix A Fee Schedule, Section A2.003 Municipal Park Administrative Fees – Revising alpha/numeric order:

“(g) Swimming Pool Fees”

Section 2. Recitals. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

Section 3. Conflicts. All ordinances and codes, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 4. Savings. That all rights and privileges of the City are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provision of any ordinances repealed by this ordinance which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violation and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such Ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 6. TOMA compliance. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

Section 7. Effective date. This ordinance amendment shall take effect upon adoption and the meeting of all publication requirements under law.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 20th day of May 2025.

Chris Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Passailaigue, TRMC
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Arturo "Art" Rodriguez, Jr.
City Attorney