



Non-Resident Fee Policy Discussion

Why?

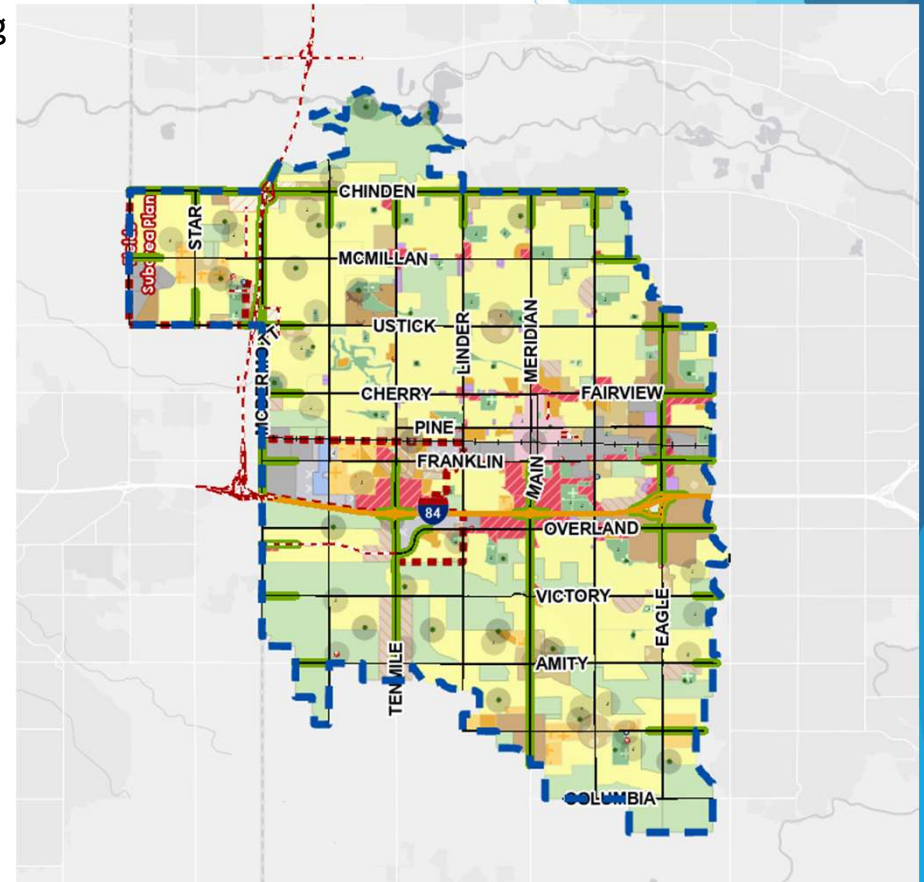
-During the FY26 budget discussions, Council requested more information on adding a Non-Resident fee for those users living outside of the Meridian City limits.

-We noted that we already have Resident vs Non-Resident fees in our Adult Sports programs and at the Meridian Homecourt.

-We also noted that we didn't have a full understanding on if our current Rec 1 Software had the ability to determine if participants were Residents or Non-Residents and that we would come back with more information and a possible proposal.

Objective

-To review and discuss the proposed Non-Resident Fee Policy and obtain feedback from Council.



What are Non-Resident Fees?

-Non-Resident fees are a "Fair-Share" fee for services like Parks & Recreation, increasing costs for those living outside the city limits of Meridian for programs, shelter reservations, field reservations, and facility use, reflecting the additional contribution non-residents pay for city-funded amenities.

Research / Findings

-CivicRec can be integrated with a program called the ArcGIS Geographical Information System. Typically, this integration is intended to allow city and county parks and recreation departments the opportunity to price programs or base access on a patron's residency status.

- We found that we can add ArcGIS to our CivicRec Software for \$1500 annually.
- Non-Residents accounted for 26% of all shelter reservations in 2025.
- Non-Residents account for approximately 40% of all adult and senior sports participants in 2025.
- Non-Resident account for approximately 40% of adult and senior class/program participants in 2025.
- Non-Residents accounted for approximately 3% of all summer camp participants.

Proposed Non-Resident Policy

The City of Meridian applies a "Fair-Share" non-resident fee for services like Parks & Recreation, increasing costs for those outside city limits for adult and senior programs, shelter reservations, adult field reservations, and facility use, reflecting the additional contribution non-residents pay for city-funded amenities.

Program Fees and Day Passes for youth will not be subject to non-resident fees. Our department offerings, our recreational facilities and local youth organizations provide invaluable opportunities for children to maintain a healthy, active lifestyles. These programs play a vital role in our community by offering safe, affordable spaces where youth can grow, learn, and develop both physically and socially. Supporting these organizations and facilities helps ensure continued access to high-quality recreational opportunities for families in our community and surrounding areas.

Park Reservations

Shelter Non-Resident Fee - 20% increase

Field Reservation Non-Resident Fee - 20% increase

Field Reservation Fee for Youth Sports - No increase

Programming and Trips

Adult Program Fees (Adult Classes/Programs) - 10% increase

Adult/Senior Trips - 10% increase

Youth Programs/Classes - No increase for non-resident youth

Facility Day Passes (Pool, Homecourt)

Day Passes -

\$4 Resident Senior/Youth

\$5 Resident Adult

\$6 Non-Resident Adult

Youth Day Passes - No increase for non-resident youth

Adult Sports Leagues

Player Fees - \$10 per Resident Player / \$20 per Non-Resident Player (Existing)

Senior Softball Program \$75 per player - 10% increase for Non-Residents (\$7.50).

****Contracted instructors will continue to set their own prices for all classes. Instructors will receive 70% of the revenue, while the city will receive 30% of the revenue. Fees for adult and senior classes, programs, and trips will continue to vary. The City will receive 100% of the non-resident fee, while instructors will continue to receive 70% of the original fees they establish. There will be a 10% increase for Non-Residents.**

Costs and Estimated Additional Revenues

-Our current Registration and Reservation Software called “Civic Rec” is \$8,000 annually and has a component we can add to it called ArcGIS. The purchase of ArcGIS for the non-resident capabilities will be an additional \$1,500 a year. If our proposed Non-Resident Policy is established, the best time to activate these fees would be October or November of 2026. This allows our department to advertise the new fees and promote the new fees to all users prior to the winter activity guide and the first of the year.

Shelter Reservations (2025 numbers)

Out of the 2,490 reservations we had, 660 of them were non-residents.

Using our total 2025 shelter reservation revenues (\$285,574) and the 2,490 reservations, we can estimate the impact of a 20% increase on the 660 non-resident reservations.

Average revenue per reservation

- Average revenue per reservation = $\$285,574 \div 2,490 = \114.69

Revenue generated by the 660 non-resident reservations

- $660 \times 114.69 = \$75,695.40$

Apply a 20% price increase to non-resident reservations

- $20\% \times 75,694.40 = \$15,139.08$ (Additional Revenues)

Additional Costs

ArcGIS = \$1,500 (annually)

Additional Revenues

Shelter Reservations = \$15,139

Adult and Senior Programs = \$4,423.40

Senior Sports Leagues = 237 total players (119 Non-Residents)- \$892.50

Ballfields - No existing report can be run for this.

Projected Additional Revenues minus expenses (Note this does not account for staff time associated with the policy)

\$18,954.90

Projected Timeline

- Council Discussion of proposed Non-Resident Fee Policy (July of 2026)
- Follow Up on any Non-Resident Fee Policy questions if needed or adoption of the Non-Resident policy (August of 2026)
- Department Fee Proposal Discussion with Non-Resident Fees based on Non-Resident Policy. (August/September of 2026)
- Department Fees posted and brought back to Council for public hearing (Sept/Oct of 2026)

Questions?
Feedback?