



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 06/06/2024

**REQUESTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

**PRESENTER:** James Briggs, Park Development Manager

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDED, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> AVENUE PICKLEBALL RULES

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Recreation Center updated half of its outdoor tennis courts into pickleball courts in 2019, becoming the Parks Department's first standalone pickleball courts. Since opening, the activity on the pickleball courts has been an extreme success, and these courts have been highly used since the transformation.

12<sup>th</sup> Avenue is close to a neighborhood, and the success of the pickleball courts has come with frustration from the neighborhood due to the noise produced by the courts and the players using those courts. Neighbors have asked the City and the Parks Departments to come up with solutions to help with the noise produced from Pickleball that affects the Neighbors.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **Rules and Etiquette – PLAY RESPONSIBLY. BE COURTEOUS.**

The park is open from dawn to dusk. Only park and unload equipment in designated paved parking areas.

Smoking and Alcohol are not permitted. NO glass containers allowed. No animals are allowed on courts.

#### **Court Use:**

- ✓ Paddle sports (Tennis and Pickleball) require specific equipment to play. Permanent nets are in place for each sport. There are lines on the tennis courts, which can be used for Pickleball if portable nets are brought to the court. Do not remove any permanent nets or add lines to the courts for any reason.
- ✓ This is a recreational facility. First Come, First Serve. No tournaments or league play may be scheduled without prior contact with the Norman Parks and Recreation Department. Take turns using courts on busy days to allow others to play. Follow all posted rules and have fun!

- ✔ Use of this facility is at your own risk. Please observe all rules that govern play. Courts are to be used only for Pickleball and/or Tennis. No bikes, skateboards, scooters, skates, or wheels of any kind. No other sports are allowed without prior approval from Norman Parks & Recreation.
- ✔ Be aware of weather conditions and their effect on court surfaces and playing conditions.
- ✔ Report any rude or aggressive behavior to the contact numbers listed below. This is an unsupervised facility.
- ✔ Please refrain from using loud music, profanity, and abusive language while using the courts.
- ✔ NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED ON UNPAVED SURFACES. Courts are closed at dark.
- ✔ Courts are free to use. No paid training, charging fees, or private events are allowed.
- ✔ Please place all litter in trash receptacles. Do not place chairs or other objects on courts which may damage surfacing. Report any damage or unsafe conditions to the numbers listed below.

#### **Sports Rules:**

- ✔ For more information on how to play Pickleball, visit: [usapickleball.org](http://usapickleball.org)
- ✔ For more information on how to play Tennis, visit: [USTA.org](http://USTA.org)

***In case of emergency, call 911. For non-emergency situations, call 405-321-1600***

***To report any court play or conduct issues, contact 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Recreation Center at 405-366-7275***

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Park Commissioners direct the Parks and Recreation Director to adopt and post the Pickleball rules at the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Recreation Center Tennis and Pickleball Courts.