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**CITY OF PORT LAVACA**

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**MEETING:** March 10, 2025  
**DATE:** 3.06.2025  
**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
**FROM:** JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** Amendments to Appendix A – Rates and Fees Ch. 32 Parks and Rec plus Bauer Community Center

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- 1) At the February Council meeting, the Council expressed interest in accepting the recommendation of the Parks Board and reinstating the 6-month stay limit for Hill site RV spaces at the Lighthouse Beach Campground.

The proposed ordinance amends the current ordinance to change the Maximum Monthly Stay for the Hill Sites at the LHB Campground from 3 months to 6 months.

- 2) With the contract award this evening for the installation of a Vehicle Entry Management System for Lighthouse Beach Park (Entry Gate system), we should have this operational by early summer. The current rate schedule for Lighthouse Beach passes is:

- Annual day pass - \$25.00
- Annual senior pass - \$20.00
- Day pass - \$5.00
- Day pass bus non-school - \$45.00

For comparison the entry fees at the Rockport Beach is \$10 for a Day pass and \$40 for an annual pass.

I recently reviewed the discussion during the workshop last year on this topic and it seemed that consensus was to leave the \$5 day pass as is, but there was some discussion about possibly increasing the cost for an annual pass. Staff is suggesting to amend the rate for an Annual day pass from \$25.00 to \$40.00. This is a First reading. We will discuss this with the Parks Board at the March Parks Board meeting and share their comments with Council at the Second reading.

- 3) The rental rules for the Bauer Community Center prohibit the use of a Fog or Smoke machine and prohibit any open flames/sparklers or fireworks. (Sterno for the caterers is permitted). These policies have on occasion been violated, but there is no specified violation fee outlined in Appendix A. Staff is recommending to amend Appendix A under the Bauer Community Center to state that the violation of these two policies will result in a forfeiture of the full deposit amount.