

City of Alexandria, Virginia

1-24-06

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2006  
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER   
SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF INCREASED ANNUAL LICENSE FEES FOR SWIMMING POOLS, SPA POOLS AND HEALTH CLUBS

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**ISSUE:** City Council consideration of increasing the fees for annual licenses to operate swimming pools, spa pools and health clubs.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council approve the proposed resolution (Attachment 1) which will increase annual license fees for swimming pools, spa pools and health clubs beginning March 1, 2006.

**DISCUSSION:** In 1994, the City Council adopted the current annual license fees for swimming pools, spa pools and health clubs. The fees have not been raised since that time, although the costs to administer this program have increased as personnel and other costs have risen over the last 12 years. Alexandria's license fees are lower than those of adjacent jurisdictions (Attachment 2). The current fees also do not cover the costs incurred by the Health Department in providing inspection services to swimming pools, pool spas and health clubs. The proposed increase will enable the City to recover more of its costs, and bring the City's fees more in line with adjacent jurisdictions. The fee increases are being proposed at this time (ahead of the FY 2007 budget process) so that they can be in place in time for the upcoming annual license renewal process.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** It is estimated that this license fee increase will generate approximately \$19,785 in additional revenue for the City (Attachment 3).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment 1: Proposed resolution to adopt a new fee schedule
- Attachment 2: Comparison of current fees in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax
- Attachment 3: Estimate of additional revenue produced by fee increase

**STAFF:**

Charles Konigsberg, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., Director, Alexandria Health Dept.  
Bob Custard, Environmental Health Manager, Alexandria Health Dept.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, under § 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 1993, as part of a joint effort among Northern Virginia jurisdictions to establish uniform regional standards for the construction, operation and maintenance of swimming pools, spa pools and health clubs, city council enacted Ordinance No. 3619 which authorizes the city's health department to adopt, following council approval, regulations governing swimming pools, spa pools and health clubs; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said ordinance, the health department prepared and, following council approval, adopted Administrative Regulation 20-6 ("A.R. 20-6") entitled "Regulation of Swimming Pools, Spa Pools and Health Clubs;" and

**WHEREAS**, under Administrative Regulation § 20-6-6 (b), City Council is required from time to time, to set by resolution the annual license fee that is to be paid by the owners of "swimming pools", "spa pools", and "health clubs", as defined in § 20-6-4 (ff), § 20-6-4 (ff), and § 20-6-4 (i) respectively, of the Administrative Regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to increase the annual fee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED  
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA**

1. That, beginning March 1, 2006, the annual license fees for swimming pools, spa pools and health clubs shall be as follows:

	<b>Year-Round Facility</b>	<b>Seasonal Facility (open 5 months or less)</b>
<b>Swimming Pool</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Spa Pool</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Health Club</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>\$215</b>

2. That the annual fee established in Section 1 above shall apply to annual licenses issued by the City after February 28, 2006, and, unless and until revised by the City Council, to such annual licenses issued during subsequent years.
3. That this resolution shall be effective on March 1, 2006.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jackie M. Henderson, CMC

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City Clerk

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**COMPARISON OF SWIMMING POOL, SPA POOL AND HEALTH CLUB  
ANNUAL LICENSE FEES IN FAIRFAX, ARLINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA**

	Fairfax County (current fees)			Arlington County (current fees)	Alexandria (current fees)	Alexandria Proposed Fee
	0 - 2,000 sf	2,001 - 10,000 sf	10,000+ sf	All Sizes	All Sizes	All Sizes
Year-Round Pool	\$288	\$345	\$403	\$400	\$300	\$400
Spa Pools (Year-Round)	\$230	NA	NA	\$400	\$300	\$400
Seasonal Pools	\$230	\$288	\$345	\$200	\$100	\$250
Interactive Water Features	\$200	\$250	\$300	same as a pool	same as a pool	same as a pool
Water Parks	NA	NA	\$690	each pool individually	each pool individually	each pool individually
Additional Pools on Same Deck	\$173 (1 wading pool free)	NA	NA	\$100	\$0	\$0
Additional Spa Pools on Same Deck	\$52	NA	NA	\$100	\$0	\$0
Health Clubs	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	\$200	\$215

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**Estimated Increase in Revenue from Fee Increase**

	Number in Alexandria	Current Annual Permit Fee	Proposed Annual Permit Fee	Current Revenue	Increase in Revenue	Total Revenue
Year Round Pools & Spas	18	\$300	\$400	\$5,400	\$1,800	\$7,200
Health Clubs	9	\$200	\$215	\$1,800	\$135	\$1,935
Seasonal Pools & Spas	119	\$100	\$250	\$11,900	\$17,850	\$29,750
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$19,100</b>	<b>\$19,785</b>	<b>\$38,885</b>

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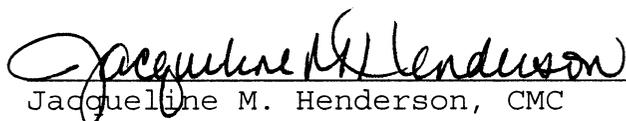
ADOPTED: January 24, 2006



WILLIAM D. EULLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:



Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk