


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 21, 2007

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FEE INCREASES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

ISSUE: Increased cost recovery through fee increases for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) programs.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council adopt the proposed resolution (Attachment 1) for the recommended fee increases (Attachments 2 and 3) of non-programmatic fees and fees for youth sports participation and nonresident participation fees of RPCA, effective July 1, 2007, and allowing for future inflation related adjustments. The Park and Recreation Commission held a public hearing on the fee increases and recommends that Council adopt the new fee schedule.

BACKGROUND: As part of a regular fee evaluation process, staff from RPCA compared comparisons of selected fees and charges that other local jurisdictions assess for programs, activities, and services. The Department regularly adjusts program and activity fees that include classes, camps, workshops, teen dances and other programs, as needed in order to remain in line with market trends and to better recover program operation costs. Changes to non-programmatic fees, which includes facility admissions, room rentals, facility rentals, park rentals and marina fees and also, changes to programmatic fees for nonresident participation and youth sports participation fees have in the past, been approved by Council. The last such across the board increase to RPCA's non-programmatic fees occurred in FY 2000. In FY 2006, an increase in fees charged at the marina, and a two-year phased increase in special event vendor fees was approved by City Council.

DISCUSSION: The last time RPCA adjusted its fee schedule in Fiscal Year 2000. Since that time, the cost to provide services in these areas has risen in line as a result of increased energy costs, staffing costs and operational expenses. During the past year, staff compiled comparative information on the fee structures of other local jurisdictions and found that many of the Department fees and charges are below the level other jurisdictions charge, while some fees are in line with those changed by other jurisdictions.

As a result of that finding, RPCA brought recommended fee changes to the Park and Recreation Commission. The Park and Recreation Commission held a public hearing on fee changes in

early Fall of 2006, and then subsequently approved the recommended fee changes (Attachments 3 and 4) in November. These proposed fee increases were reviewed by the City Manager, and increased revenues were reflected in the FY 2008 Approved Budget. During an April work session with City Council, these fee increases were discussed in general terms by RPCA.

In addition to the recommended fee changes, RPCA sought and received support from the Park and Recreation Commission for the Department's desire to establish a policy related to non-programmatic fee adjustments that would allow future increases of fees to be linked to the inflation rate (the Bureau of Labor Statistics Baltimore-Washington Region "Consumer Price Index" or CPI-U). RPCA and the Office of Management and Budget propose using this mechanism so that future adjustments for inflation could be reviewed and administratively made yearly as needed during the City budget approval process and be effective in the beginning of each fiscal year on July 1. Any adjustments other than those changes linked to inflation would be brought back to Council for approval.

In summary and to highlight significant changes, the attached Resolution provides:

- To begin a multi-year phased increase of youth sport participation fees that are collected for Department fully operated leagues, per sport activity. The Department will continue to provide scholarships to families and children to ensure all interested youth who can not afford participation fees may participate at a reduced fee or at no charge. Other than inflation adjustments, future increases will be presented to Council for approval;
- To provide for concise and clearly identified pricing category guidelines for groups renting parks, facilities and equipment;
- To increase Chinquapin Park Recreation Center admission fees and fitness pass rates to meet the target of 70% recovery of costs associated with operating the facility. Center fees have not been adjusted in eight years;
- To base facility room rental fees on maximum room occupancy to provide for consistent fees throughout the Department;
- To increase staff support fees for rentals to reflect average staff hourly expense for holiday/weekend and weekday rentals;
- To increase the nonresident fee for participation in Department operated or co-sponsored athletic programs, classes, workshops, camps, trips and other activities per participant, per activity;
- To establish a refundable security deposit to compensate for damage and/or additional support staff; and

- To establish a fee for the use of athletic fields made of natural or synthetic turf and the use of athletic sports lighting for non-department sponsored activities or use beyond Department established league permitted times. Groups co-sponsored by the Department, include but are not limited to: the Alexandria Soccer Association, Alexandria Lacrosse, and Alexandria Little League.

FISCAL IMPACT: The FY 2008 Approved Budget includes an increase of \$59,276 in General Fund revenues in anticipation of these changes.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Proposed Resolution
- Attachment 2: Jurisdictional Fee Comparison
- Attachment 3: New Fee Recommendations
- Attachment 4: Fee Guidelines for Groups Renting Facilities and Equipment

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- Bruce Johnson, Director, Office of Management and Budget
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution to Update Non-Programmatic and Youth Sports and Non-Resident Participation Fees Administered by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

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WHEREAS, the costs of providing these services to the general taxpayer continue to increase year-by-year and the fees do not cover the entire costs of these programs;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, that the Non-Programmatic and Youth Sports and Non-Resident Program Participation fees administered by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs shall be as updated beginning July 1, 2007, as follows:

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 - (5) The City Manager may elect not to implement an inflation adjustment otherwise permissible under this section for any particular fee based upon considerations of equity, administrative convenience, newly implemented efficiencies in the operation of the activity, or competitive position vis-à-vis neighboring jurisdictions.
 - (6) Any adjustment of a fee other than inflation adjustments administratively allowable under this section shall be approved by City Council.

**Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
2007 Survey of Fees**

Fee Category/description	City of Alexandria	Arlington County	Fairfax County	Loudoun County	Prince William County
FACILITY & EQUIPMENT RENTALS					
Room Rental Meeting Rooms Kitchen Dance/Rehearsal Piano with room rental Multi-Purpose Exhibit Hall Gymnasium Auditorium Please Note: Separate Staff fees may be assessed based on request.	Per hour A \$25 or B \$15 A \$50 or B \$25 A \$35 or B \$25 \$10/half hour or \$15/hour A \$50 or B \$25 A \$50 or B \$25 A \$100 or B \$50 No audience A \$50 or B \$25 With audience A \$65 or B \$35 With Stage Lights A \$75 or B \$50 C Fee determined after evaluation	\$100/day up to 19 in group for community room usage. \$5 per additional person Gym \$41 full & \$22 half court per hour	\$45 - \$110 per hour based on type of room. Fee includes staff rate.	\$35/hr small room \$35/hr Kitchen \$65/hr large room \$100/hr gym	\$50 - \$85 per hour based on type of room.
Security Deposit	None	\$25 plus varies by facility	\$50 - \$250 based on room	25% of total	Up to 50% of rental
Outdoor Pools Large Pool Mini Pool	Per hour A \$90 or B \$45 plus staff A \$45 or B \$ plus staff C Fee determined after evaluation	NA	NA	\$150/ 2hr period	\$200/day
Lighted Ball Fields	A \$100/hr or B \$50/hr C Fee determined after evaluation	Residents \$24-\$42/hr Nonres. \$48-\$84/hr \$19per hr additional w/lights	\$100 - \$150/hr	\$100 - \$289/hr	\$95 - \$300/hr
Mobile Stage	A \$50/hr or B \$25/hr or C \$15/hr plus staff	NA	NA	NA	NA
Park Rental Oronoco Bay, Waterfront, Jones Point and Brenman	A \$150/hr (min 4 hrs) B \$50/hr (min 4 hrs) C Fee determined after evaluation	NA	\$55 - \$200 day	NA	Prices starting at \$75 dollars with a deposit of \$100 dollars

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Picnic Areas Large shelter Small shelter No shelter Amphitheater (Fort Ward)	\$100/day \$75/day \$50/day \$60/hr min 4 hrs	\$125 /day Available to Arlington residents only	\$70-\$160 per day based on group size and park amenities.	\$75/day \$35 half day	Large Shelters \$220-\$300 day resident \$440-\$600 day nonresident Small Shelters \$95-\$180 day resident \$190-\$360 day nonresident No Shelter \$42-\$84 day
Staff Fees Monday-Saturday Sunday/Holidays	\$30/hr per staff \$40/hr per staff	Included in rental fees where applicable	Included in rental fees where applicable	\$14/ hr where applicable	Included in rental fees where applicable
OUTDOOR POOLS					
Outdoor Pool Daily Admission Ages 1-3 Ages 4-6 Ages 7-17 Ages 18 - 59 Ages 60 and above Nonresident	Free One Free with paying adult; \$1 each additional child ages 4-6. \$1 \$2 \$1 \$3 with paying resident	Residents \$.50 for children \$4 for adults \$2.50 Seniors	Free under 2 yrs \$4.75 for 2-11 \$5.25 for 12-59 \$4.25 for age 60 and older.	\$2.50 under 2 yrs \$4.50 2-12 \$5 13-54 \$4.50 55 and older	Age 0-1 free \$5.75 2-59 yrs old \$5 60 & over \$4 after 4pm \$3.25 Friday after 4pm \$75 Family 20 visit punch pass
Season Pass Outdoor Pools	Child 1 - 6 Free Child 7 - 17 \$50 Adult 18 - 59 \$100 Family \$275 (Includes 2 adults and any number of children) Seniors 60 and above Free	\$13 Dollars for children \$97 for Adults \$65 Seniors	NA	NA	Individual \$80 Family of 2 \$150 Family of 3 \$220 Family of 4 \$260 Week days \$60

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SPORT LEAGUES					
Youth Sports Baseball, Softball, Basketball and Football	\$15/person per sport	\$45 person, per sport	\$75-\$175 per person based on the sport. Leagues are offered through clubs.	\$38-\$50 per person based on the sport.	\$45-\$55 per person based on the sport.
Nonresident Fee	\$20 per person	\$30 per person	\$20 per person	50% above the resident fee	None

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Description of Fee	Notes	City of Alexandria Chinquapin Recreation Center	Arlington County Thomas Jefferson Community Center	Fairfax County Audrey Moore Recreation Center	Loudoun County Ida Lee Recreation Center	Prince William County Chinn Recreation Center
General Daily Admission Residents	Adult (Age)	\$5 (16+)	\$4 (18-54)	\$6.50 (19+)	\$5 (16+)	\$6 (18+)
	Child	\$3 (4-15)	MS \$.50, HS \$1 (Under 18)	\$4.75 (5-18)	\$4 (15 and Under)	\$4 (3-17)
	Senior	\$3 (60+)	\$2.50 (55+)	\$4.75 (60+) \$6.50/weekend	\$4 (60+)	\$4 (\$2 on Tues)
General Daily Admission Nonresidents	Adult	\$8	\$8	\$8.70	\$7	\$6
	Child	\$8	MS \$1.25 HS \$2.50 (Under 18)	\$8.70 (5-18)	\$6	\$4
	Senior	\$8	\$6	\$8.70 (60+)	\$6 (60+)	\$4
One Year Fitness Pass Residents	Adult	\$434	\$242	\$576	\$390	\$637(Gold) \$480(Silver) \$340(Bronze)

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	Senior	\$260	\$158	\$453	\$310	\$480(Gold) \$325(Silver)
One Year Fitness Pass Nonresident	Adult	\$868	\$450	\$823	\$545	NA
	Child	\$106	\$90	\$823	\$463	NA
	Senior	\$520	\$330	\$823	\$463	NA
Handball, Racquetball, Walleyball	Prime Time Resident	\$11/hour	NA	\$4/hour (plus gen adm)	NA	\$2/hour (plus gen adm)
	Prime Time Nonres	\$13.50/hour	NA	\$4/hour (plus gen adm)	NA	\$2/hour (plus gen adm)
	Non-prime time Resident	\$8/hour	NA	\$4/hour (plus gen adm)	NA	\$2/hour (plus gen adm)
	Non-Prime Time Nonres	\$10.50/hour	NA	\$4/hour (plus gen adm)	NA	\$2/hour (plus gen adm)
Racket Rental		\$2.50 Each	NA	Free (w/ drivers license or collateral)	NA	Free
Locker Facilities		\$0.25	\$0.75	\$0.25 (sm) \$0.50 (lg)	\$0.25 (sm) \$0.50 (lg)	\$0.50 or bring own lock
Tennis Court Rental	Singles Resident	\$2.50	No Fee	1st come/1st Serve Official Rental \$5	NA	NA
	Singles Nonres	\$5	No Fee	1st come/1st Serve Official Rental \$5	NA	NA
	Doubles	\$4	No Fee	1st come/1st Serve	NA	NA

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	Resident			Official Rental \$5		
	Doubles Nonres	\$8	No Fee	1st come/1st Serve Official Rental \$5	NA	NA
Indoor Pool Rental	1 Lane	\$18 (res) \$40 (nonres)	NA	Varies depending on group	\$14/hour	\$16/hour
	Entire Pool	\$160 (res) \$320 (nonres)	NA	Varies depending on group	\$125/hour	\$400/hour (Main, leisure, whirlpool, and staff fees included)
	Diving Well	\$45 (res) \$90 (nonres)	NA	TBD based on Group	\$55 or \$60/hour	\$40/hour
Building Room Rental	Rooms (per hour)	Club Rm 1 or 2 \$30 (res) & \$60 (nonres) plus staff	Birthday Party Swim \$40 plus \$6/Res Child \$8/NR Child	Club Rm 1 \$35/hour Dance Studio \$60/hour Full Gym \$110/hour	Multipurpose Room \$50 Multipurpose Room \$20-30 Gymnasium \$55 \$100 Gymnasium \$55 Aerobics Room \$75 Arts and Crafts Room \$20	Depending on room, between \$30 and \$85/hour

RPCA Fee Schedule - July 1, 2007

A. Room Rental Fees (based on occupancy)

Room Type	Group ¹	Current/hour	Proposed/hour ²
Small Room (up to 50 occupancy)			
	A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$25	\$45
	B. resident/local non-profit	\$15	\$33.75
	C. City agency/sponsored	based on evaluation	TBD
Kitchen			
	A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$50	\$50
	B. resident/local non-profit	\$25	\$37.50
	C. City agency/sponsored	based on evaluation	TBD
Dance Studio			
	A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$35	\$35
	B. resident/local non-profit	\$25	\$26.25
	C. City agency/sponsored	based on evaluation	TBD
Large Room (51-125 occupancy)			
	A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$50	\$75
	B. resident/local non-profit	\$25	\$56.25
	C. City agency/sponsored	based on evaluation	TBD
Exhibit Hall/Large Multi-Purpose			
	A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$50	\$100
	B. resident/local non-profit	\$25	\$75
	C. City agency/sponsored	based on evaluation	TBD
Gymnasium			
	A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$100	\$100
	B. resident/local non-profit	\$50	\$75
	C. City agency/sponsored	based on evaluation	TBD
Lee Center Kaufman Auditorium			
	A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$75	\$150
	B. resident/local non-profit	\$50	\$112.50
	C. City agency/sponsored	based on evaluation	TBD

B. Pool Rental Fees

Facility Type	Group ¹	Current/hour	Proposed/hour ²
Outdoor Pool			
	A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$90 + staff	\$100
	B. resident/local non-profit	\$45 + staff	\$75
	C. City agency/sponsored	based on evaluation	TBD
Large Pool			
	A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$90 + staff	\$100
	B. resident/local non-profit	\$45 + staff	\$75
	C. City agency/sponsored	based on evaluation	TBD
Mini Pool			
	A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$45 + staff	\$50
	B. resident/local non-profit	\$30 + staff	\$37.50
	C. City agency/sponsored	based on evaluation	TBD

¹ Groups are defined in Attachment 2² Staff fees will also be charged if necessary

C. Refundable Rental Security Deposit Fees

Group ¹	Current	Proposed
Refundable Deposit		
All Groups	None	Equal to rental amount up to \$500

D. Rental Staff Support Fees

Days	Current/hour	Proposed/hour
Staff Fees		
Monday - Friday	\$30	\$35
Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays	\$45	\$45

E. Athletic Field Rental Fees²

Field Type	Group ¹	Current/hour	Proposed/hour ³
Natural Turf Field			
A. non-resident/business/non-local		None	\$50
B. resident/local non-profit		None	\$50
C. City agency/sponsored		None	TBD
Artificial Turf Field			
A. non-resident/business/non-local		None	\$100
B. resident/local non-profit		None	\$100
C. City agency/sponsored		None	TBD
Natural Turf Field w/ Lights			
A. non-resident/business/non-local		\$75	\$100
B. resident/local non-profit		\$75	\$100
C. City agency/sponsored		None	TBD
Artificial Turf Field w/ Lights			
A. non-resident/business/non-local		None	\$150
B. resident/local non-profit		None	\$150
C. City agency/sponsored		None	TBD

F. Park Rental Fees (Oronoco Bay, Waterfront, Jones Point, & Brenman)

Group ¹	Current/hour	Proposed/hour ⁴
Park Rentals		
A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$150	\$150
B. resident/local non-profit	\$50	\$112.50
C. City agency/sponsored	None	TBD

G. Mobile Stage Rental Fees

Group ¹	Current/hour	Proposed/hour ⁴
Mobile Stage		
A. non-resident/business/non-local	\$60	\$75
B. resident/local non-profit	\$25	\$56.25
C. City agency/sponsored	\$15	TBD

¹ Groups are defined in Attachment 2² Fees charged for non-dept sponsored activities or use beyond established league permitted times³ Athletic Field Rentals will require appropriate staff fees and have a minimum 2 hour rental period⁴ Park/Mobile Stage Rentals will require appropriate staff fees and have a minimum 4 hour rental period

H. Chinquapin Park Rec Center Admission Fees

Type of Pass ¹	Group	Current Resident	Proposed Resident	Current Non-Resident	Proposed Non-Resident
Chinquapin Admission Fees					
	Child (0 - 4)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Youth (5 - 17)	\$3	\$4	\$8	\$8
	Adult (18+)	\$5	\$6	\$8	\$8
	Senior (60+)	\$3	\$4	\$8	\$8
	Group Rate - 20 or more	20% discount	25% discount	20% discount	25% discount
	Adult/Chaperone with Youth	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$2
Chinquapin Individual Fitness Pass - 25 visits					
	Child (0 - 4)	\$0	\$0	Not Available	\$25
	Youth (5 - 17)	\$55	\$60	Not Available	\$100
	Adult (18+)	\$90	\$100	Not Available	\$150
	Senior (60+)	\$54	\$60	Not Available	\$100
Chinquapin 6-month Unlimited Fitness Pass					
	Single	\$245	\$245	\$490	\$490
	2 Persons	\$358	\$420	\$716	\$840
	Dependent/Chaperone (no use of facility)	\$52	\$0	\$104	\$0
	Senior - Single	\$147	\$150	\$294	\$300
	Senior - 2 Persons	\$215	\$215	\$430	\$430
	Family (includes up to 4)	\$460	\$500	Not Available	Not Available
Chinquapin 12-month Unlimited Fitness Pass					
	Single	\$434	\$434	\$868	\$868
	2 Persons	\$650	\$720	\$1,300	\$1,440
	Dependent/Chaperone (no use of facility)	\$98	\$0	\$196	\$0
	Senior - Single	\$260	\$260	\$520	\$520
	Senior - 2 Persons	\$390	\$390	\$780	\$780
	Family (includes up to 4)	\$828	\$900	Not Available	Not Available

I. Youth Sports Program Participation Fees

	Current/Sport	Proposed/Sport
Youth Sports	\$15	\$20

J. Non-resident Program Participation Fees

	Current/Sport	Proposed/Sport
Non-resident Program	\$20	\$25

¹ Passes include use of pool, locker room, sauna, & fitness room

Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs

FEE GUIDELINES FOR GROUPS RENTING FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Updated Definitions of Rental Groups/Categories

A. Non-resident/Business/Non-local

Current: Includes all businesses or organizations whose mailing address or function is not within the City limits of Alexandria whether or not a charitable purpose is claimed. Political organizations involving candidates for other than local offices or State Legislators are included in this classification. Also included in this classification are groups, regardless of type, who are renting facilities in order to have a dance, as well as profit-making organizations. Non-resident applications are included in this group.

Proposed: Includes all non-resident, business, and organizations charging fees or accepting donations.

B. Resident/Local Non-profit

Current: Includes all non-profit organizations and civic organizations, which are not classified in Group "C" and which are based within the City limits of Alexandria. Religious organizations serving the City of Alexandria or consisting predominately of City of Alexandria residents are classified in this group. Organizations whose function is to present candidates for local or state elected office also fall within this classification. City resident applications are included in this group.

Proposed: Includes City residents and non-profit organizations, civic organizations, homeowner associations, and local & state political organizations located with the City limits of Alexandria.

C. City Agencies/City Sponsored

Current: Includes Municipal Departments of the City of Alexandria and City sponsored or affiliated groups such as members of the Commission for the Arts, Hobby Clubs, School Board related groups, and community-based citizens associations.

Proposed: Includes City Departments or Agencies, ACPS, and City sponsored or co-sponsored groups.

Other Notes Regarding RPCA Fees

- Additional fees will be determined after evaluation of the request. Maintenance, professional staff, and police protection service fees will be charged when applicable
- Commercial and promotional activities in parks will be authorized only if they provide a possible public service and meet a legitimate public need. They will be permitted only when they are clearly not in conflict with existing programs and restricted use does not occur for an unreasonable period of time.
- The renting party assumes responsibility for damage to turf, facility, or loss of equipment, and agrees to post a deposit to pay the cost of any repair or replacement to any park, facility, or equipment. This deposit will be set according to the policy identified in the Fee Schedule.
- Proposed Facility Rental Fees
 - o Organizations charging fees, accepting donations, or raising funds will be charged applicable fees;
 - o Applicable fees will be charged to all groups during non-operating hours.

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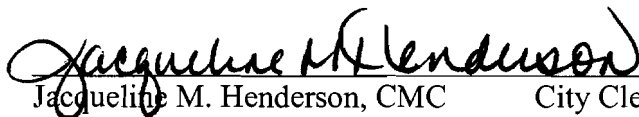
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- (5) The City Manager may elect not to implement an inflation adjustment otherwise permissible under this section for any particular fee based upon considerations of equity, administrative convenience, newly implemented efficiencies in the operation of the activity, or competitive position vis-à-vis neighboring jurisdictions.
- (6) Any adjustment of a fee other than inflation adjustments administratively allowable under this section shall be approved by the City Council.

ADOPTED: June 26, 2007



WILLIAM D. EULLE MAYOR

ATTEST:



Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk