

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 8, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 8

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FEE INCREASES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

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**ISSUE:** Resolution to increase cost recovery through fee increases for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) programs as adopted in the FY 2009 approved budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council adopt the proposed resolution (Attachment 1) for the recommended RPCA fee increases (Attachment 2) of non-programmatic fees, fees for youth sports participation, and youth sports field use, effective July 1, 2008.

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities regularly adjusts program and activity fees that include, classes, camps, workshops and other programs as needed in order to stay in line with market trends and cost recovery efforts. As part of the FY 2008 budget process, Council provided the City Manager with the authority to adjust RPCA non-programmatic fees yearly, as long as the amount is approximately equal to the corresponding rate of inflation. The actual fee may be rounded to an administratively convenient amount to assess and collect. Increases in fees exceeding this amount continue to be considered by Council.

**DISCUSSION:** In preparation of the budget for FY 2009, RPCA staff recommended fee changes for some non-programmatic fees based on an inflation rate (CPI-U) of 3.5% using the above mentioned authority. Four other fee categories fell outside of the authority previously delegated to the City Manager. The proposed increases in those four fee areas are above the CPI-U.

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

- To increase the Picnic Shelter Area Rental Fees as specified in Attachment 2.

- To continue a multi-year phased increase of youth sport participation fees that are collected for Department fully-operated leagues, per sport activity from \$20 to \$25. The Department will continue to provide scholarships to families and children to ensure all interested youth who cannot afford participation fees may participate at a reduced fee or at no charge;
- To establish an individual participant field use fee of \$5 per person, per sport, per season for youth leagues co-sponsored by the Department in order to provide a portion of cost recovery for field maintenance expenses. Leagues co-sponsored by the Department include but are not limited to: Alexandria Soccer Association and Alexandria Lacrosse.
- To increase Marina user fees in order to help offset the cost of marina operations as specified in Attachment 2.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The FY 2009 Approved Budget includes an increase of \$179,000 in General Fund revenues in anticipation of all RPCA fee changes.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Proposed Resolution

Attachment 2: Fee Increases in Excess of the CPI-U

**STAFF:**

Kirk Kincannon, Director, RPCA

Bruce Johnson, Director, Office of Management and Budget

John Buckler, Division Chief, RPCA

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Jack Browand, Special Projects Coordinator, RPCA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution to Adopt Fees Increases Administered by  
the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities for FY 2009**

**WHERE AS**, the last increase to non-programmatic fees collected by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) occurred in Fiscal 2008;

**WHEREAS**, the majority of non-programmatic fees charged by RPCA fell within the Baltimore Washington CPI-U fee adjustment guidelines set forth by City Council in Fiscal 2008;

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Sports Participation fees are significantly below what other jurisdictions charge and the costs of providing those programs;

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, that the Picnic Area Rental, Youth Sports Participation, Field Use, and Marina fees administered by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities shall be as updated beginning July 1, 2008, as follows:

Section (a) Picnic Area Rental Fees are hereby established as contained in Attachment 2.

Section (b) Youth Sports Program Participation fees are hereby established as contained in Attachment 2.

Section (c) Youth Sports Field Use fee is hereby established as contained in Attachment 2.

Section (d) Marina fees are hereby established as contained in Attachment 2.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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William D. Euille, Mayor

Attest:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson, City Clerk, CMC

**RPCA FEE SCHEDULE – JULY 1, 2008  
FEE INCREASES IN EXCESS OF THE CPI-U**

**Picnic Area Rental Fees**

<b>Picnic Area</b>	<b>Current Fee/day</b>	<b>Proposed Fee Fee/day</b>
with Large Shelter	\$100	\$150
with Small Shelter	\$75	\$100
no Shelter	\$50	No Change
Ft. Ward Amphitheater	\$60/hr (4-hr min)	No Change

**Youth Sports Program Participation Fees**

	<b>Current Fee/sport</b>	<b>Proposed Fee</b>
<b>Youth Sports</b>	\$20	\$25

**Youth Sports Field Use Fee (New Fee)**

	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Proposed Fee Per person/season/sport</b>
<b>Youth Sports Field Use</b>	None	\$5

**Marina Fees**

	<b>Current Fee/Proposed Fee</b>
<b>Pleasure Boats</b>	
Short-Term Docking Fee	\$10/\$11 Up to 4 hours
Drop off or Pick-up Fee	\$5/\$6
Overnight Docking Fee In-Season (Apr 1 – Oct 31)	\$1.50/\$2 per foot, per night
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Annual Leasing:	
Resident	\$7.25/\$8 per ft., per mo., paid annually
Nonresident	\$8.25/\$9 per ft., per mo., paid annually
<b>Commercial/Cruise/Charter/Business Vessels</b>	
Base rate - no utilities	\$3/\$4 per foot, per day
Per Passenger Rate (determined by total # of passengers)	\$25/\$30 per day (cruise ships)
<b>Utilities/Electrical</b> (includes water in-season)	
30 amp electrical connection	\$3/\$4/night
50 amp electrical connection	\$6/\$7 per connection/night
100 amp electrical connection	\$12/\$13 per night
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Per Use	\$25

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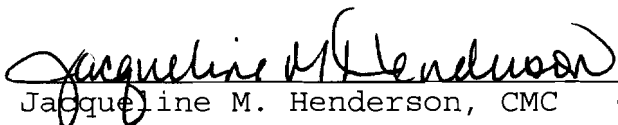
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ADOPTED: May 13, 2008

  
WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

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Subject COA Contact Us: Alexandria Soccer

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**Subject:** Alexandria Soccer

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing you to voice my

opposition to the \$5 per player fee Council is considering tonight. My

daughter plays on the Alexandria Travel Soccer Team and played rec soccer

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Sincerely,

Rebekah K. Hersch





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**Subject:**

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voice my opposition to the \$5 per player fee Council is considering  
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Sincerely,

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Jimenez and Isabella Jimenez



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Subject COA Contact Us: proposed ASA player fee

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**Subject:** proposed ASA player fee  
Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

We are writing to voice our

opposition to the \$5 per player fee Council is considering tonight. Our children plays soccer in the Alexandria Soccer Association and have for several years.

ASA is the largest youth organization in the City aside from the Alexandria City Public Schools. It serves 1,700 boys and girls, ages 5 to 19. All you have to do is drive around the city on any afternoon to see that soccer is the most popular sport in the City. Most families participate in ASA soccer at some point and the ASA provides valuable programs to Alexandria's kids.

ASA currently subsidizes the cost of participation for a significant number of its players who cannot afford player fees, uniforms, etc. ASA and many participating families also cover costs for "scholarships" for deserving players to participate in



travel soccer. Without these scholarships, these players, all of whom are on the free and reduced lunch program in Alexandria Public schools, would not be able to participate in soccer.

The city recently cut ASA's \$5000 annual subsidy from the city budget and for the first time in years, ASA's network of volunteers will not be subsidized by the City in any way. That

**Comments:** money was very important to ASA's efforts to subsidize underprivileged kids and keep costs down for all parents.

The \$5 fee being proposed, and others levied over the past year, along with the elimination of the subsidy, will make it much harder for our volunteer-run organization to cover the costs of participation for the underprivileged youth in the City. (Why are only the youth soccer and lacrosse communities being charged this subsidy? Is there some reason why participants of other field sports are not being included?).

As a family with 4 children who already pays dearly in taxes to live in Del Ray (the cost of property taxes is just one of many economic challenges for city residents) this decision by the Council to levy yet another charge during a time of economic challenges for its residents is most unwelcome.

We urge the Council not to continue levying more fees on top of youth sports organizations that provide needed services in this City through their networks of volunteers.

Sincerely,

Katie and Kelsey Regen



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**Subject:** Proposed Fees for ASA players

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Subject COA Contact Us: Alexandria Soccer Association

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Subject COA Contact Us: \$5 per player fee Council

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05/14/2008 12:36 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: \$5 fee for soccer and lacrosse

**Time:** [Wed May 14, 2008 12:36:31] **IP Address:** [138.88.160.71]

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**Last Name:** Khalil  
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**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
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**Phone:** 703-933-1419  
**Email Address:** skhalil\_99@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** \$5 fee for soccer and lacrosse  
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Subject COA Contact Us: ASA's Programs

**Time: [Wed May 14, 2008 12:10:17] IP Address: [68.33.63.170]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Last Name:** Eguigure  
**Street Address:** 112 Ellsworth st  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22314  
**Phone:** 703-2128215  
**Email Address:** jmhernandez68@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** ASA's Programs

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**John LaValle**  
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05/14/2008 10:13 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer/Lax Assessment

**Time: [Wed May 14, 2008 10:13:54] IP Address: [169.200.215.34]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:** 703-379-9008  
**Email Address:** lavalle1115@verizon.net  
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Alexandria Soccer Association Board

Member



**Geoff Stothard**  
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05/14/2008 09:53 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer fees

**Time: [Wed May 14, 2008 09:53:16] IP Address: [75.197.193.163]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Last Name:** Stothard  
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**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-519-7074  
**Email Address:** stothard@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Soccer fees  
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Ange Knutson  
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05/14/2008 09:51 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer fee

**Time: [Wed May 14, 2008 09:51:04] IP Address: [65.210.59.130]**

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**Last Name:** Knutson  
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**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:** 703 299 8590  
**Email Address:** angecharlie@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Soccer fee

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing you to voice my

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Ange and Charlie

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**Linda Moncure**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: player sports fee!

**Time: [Wed May 14, 2008 09:21:47] IP Address: [98.218.172.246]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** Virginia

**Zip:** 22301

**Phone:** 703-836-2596

**Email Address:** lbmonc@comcast.net

**Subject:** player sports fee!

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing you to voice my

opposition to the \$5 per player fee Council is considering tonight. My children play soccer in the Alexandria Soccer Association. We live and pay taxes in the city of Alexandria. We pay high personal property taxes on our home. Now you want me to pay a fee to play soccer. We already pay for the equipment, store it, have volunteer coaches and managers, pay for lining fields or do it ourselves. We even go out in the wee hours to maintain the fields if it is needed. You've taken away our subsidy and now you want to nickle and dime the kids.

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Amy Zang  
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05/14/2008 09:09 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: soccer \$5 player fee

Time: [Wed May 14, 2008 09:09:40] IP Address: [69.140.80.175]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-299--0314  
**Email Address:** amy@sharethewind.org  
**Subject:** soccer \$5 player fee  
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**Larry Golemon**  
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05/14/2008 08:52 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Stop Extra ASA fees

**Time: [Wed May 14, 2008 08:52:48] IP Address: [67.153.91.34]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

**First Name:** Larry

**Last Name:** Golemon

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Faculty House 42

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703-823-3284

**Email Address:** larrygolemon@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Stop Extra ASA fees  
Dear Alexandria officials,

Soccer is one of the few truly egalitarian sports left for youth in elementary and middle schools. Children of all abilities, various cultures, and different schools can join an Alexandria team and create a microcosm of the world--where they learn not only the best of foot and shooting skills, but more importantly the kind of teamwork and sportsmanship that make kids grow in confidence and social capital. Baseball, swimming, and even basketball start weeding out kids by year-round commitment, physical stature, or connections early on in this city, but soccer is still "every kid's sport" and needs to be protected as such.

**Comments:** ASA has already sacrificed significantly by accepting the subsidy drop this year, with additional fees for non-residential kids and extra season field access. But to hit the pocketbooks of every kid and his family for an additional \$5 is outrageous.

Surely city fiscal managers can find a better solution to the budget shortfall than hitting up every kid who wants to put on cleats.

Comprende?

I duly oppose this tariff on kids in the last egalitarian sport in the city.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Larry Golemon



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Subject COA Contact Us: proposed fees for soccer and lacrosse

**Time: [Tue May 13, 2008 20:58:28] IP Address: [68.166.67.143]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Elena  
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**Street Address:** 416 Tyler Place  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:** 703 684 5683  
**Email Address:** ntyree@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** proposed fees for soccer and lacrosse  
Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing you to voice my  
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pay attention to how  
you serve the youth of this city.

Sincerely,

Elena Patterson Tyree



Bill Rossello  
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05/13/2008 07:00 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: \$5 fee on youth soccer and lacrosse players

**Time: [Tue May 13, 2008 19:00:52] IP Address: [206.49.106.4]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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**Last Name:** Rossello

**Street Address:** 501 Cathedral Drive

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 703-587-8080

**Email Address:** william.rossello@bearingpoint.com

**Subject:** \$5 fee on youth soccer and lacrosse players  
Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

As a parent, taxpayer, homeowner

and Vice President of the Alexandria Soccer Association, I am writing you to voice opposition to the \$5 per player fee Council is considering tonight. I am surprised that ASA is just hearing about this now. No one from the City has reached out to us on this topic.

A little

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of youth sports organizations that provide needed services in this City  
through their networks of volunteers.

You will be hearing from others  
shortly.

Sincerely,

Bill Rossello  
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Association