

Public Hearing: 12/9/13

## **F A C T S H E E T**

**TITLE:** Amendments to Chapter 12.08 of the LMC relating to General Rules and Regulations for Parks

**SPONSOR:** Parks and Recreation

**OPPONENTS:** None known

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:** None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For

**APPLICANT:** Parks and Recreation

### **REASON FOR LEGISLATION:**

Revisions and clarifications to several sections of the General Rules and Regulations for Parks, primarily to reorganize and clarify permits for special use, licenses for long-term or multiple use, and permits to conduct business on park property to make the process consistent and equitable.

Additional changes include a requirement that the Director's authorization for advertising in parks be in writing, clarification that the provisions in sections relating to weapons, games of chance, and alcohol apply to any park or park facility, and application of the limited exceptions for alcohol in certain park areas to non-profit organizations specifically organized to benefit any city department, not just Parks and Recreation.

## **D I S C U S S I O N**

There is currently a lack of clarity and consistency in how different categories of use are treated for Parks and Recreation Facilities, and a need to standardize the application process and fees. This ordinance clarifies the process for 1) special use permits (for use of a park facility for a large group activity), 2) licenses (for long-term or multiple use of park facilities), and 3) permits to conduct business on park property (for use of a park for food or merchandise sales, collection or admission fees or donations).

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** No.

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** None. These ordinance revisions are expected to be revenue-neutral.

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