

Bill No. 3994-08

No. 22-08-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 07-06, the existing schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities.

Whereas, the County of Allegheny (hereinafter referred to as "County") owns and operates certain recreational and park facilities; and

Whereas, the County desires to establish and revise rates and fees for the public use of the recreational and park facilities; and

Whereas, Article IV, Sections 2.j. of the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter vests the County's Council with the power to establish and revise rates and fees for the public use of the recreational and park facilities; and

Whereas, Ordinance No. 07-06 establishes the schedule of rental rates for the County's park facilities, and

Whereas, it is the desire to recognize the valor of and contributions to the community made by the County's volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) by providing discounts for their usage of certain County park facilities; and

Whereas, it is the judgment of Council that such a program will contribute to public safety and neighborhood strength by improving the morale of and providing a tangible gesture of gratitude to the County's volunteer firefighters and EMTs;

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Amendment of Ordinance 07-06

Section 2 of Ordinance 07-06 is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section C.1., as follows:

Effective April 1, 2006 and continuing thereafter unless and until modified by subsequent Ordinance, the rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities shall be as set forth in this section.

- A. Refund/Readmission Policy: Unless otherwise stated no refunds or readmissions will be made at facilities. This applies to inclement weather. If a facility or mechanical failure should occur that would cause closing of a facility/program/event for the balance of that session/program, then readmission tickets would be issued.
 - B. Returned Check Charge: Any check that was received and is returned for insufficient funds will result in an additional \$30.00 charge.
 - C. Discounted Rate: A fifty percent (50%) fee reduction for rental of Park Facilities is offered to non-profit organizations providing satisfactory 501(c) 3 tax-exempt documentation and/or IRS non-profit documentation. The Director of the Parks Department may, at his discretion and upon furnishing reasonable advance notice to Allegheny County Council, establish temporary promotional discount rates from time to time, as appropriate.
- C.1. Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs): No later than February 1, 2009 and each February 1 thereafter, the Director of Parks shall forward an application for inclusion in the Volunteer Firefighters Park Pass Program to each volunteer fire company and volunteer EMT company located within Allegheny County. Any volunteer fire or EMT company may participate in the program upon averring that its firefighters and/or EMTs are unpaid and upon providing a completed application to the Parks Department on or before March 1 of each year. The Parks Department shall permit filing of such application via the County's website or by e-mail at no charge. The application shall include, at a minimum, a listing of each firefighter's and/or EMT's name and address, together with an indication of whether each firefighter and/or EMT listed is an active or inactive member of the fire company. Upon receipt of the completed application, the Parks Department shall provide the applicant fire and EMT company with passes issued in the name of each active volunteer firefighter or EMT. Upon presentation, these passes shall entitle the named firefighter or EMT to free admission to County-owned swimming pools and ice skating rinks.

In addition, each volunteer fire and/or EMT company shall be granted one discount of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) toward the rental of any picnic grove in any County park each year, subject to grove availability, for the sole purpose of a volunteer fire or EMT company event.

The privileges conferred by this Section are not transferrable, and may not be extended to anyone other than the individual volunteer firefighter or EMT named on the pass issued by the Parks Department. Nothing in this

Section shall be construed to alter the applicability of any parks regulations or of any fees not specifically named herein.

* * *

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect.

Section 3. Repealer. Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER FUTULES

CO SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBERS MACEY& FINNERTY

Enacted in Council, this 8th day of July, 2008,

Council Agenda No. 3994-08

Rich Fitzgerald

Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: John Mascio
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office July 17, 2008

Approved: Dan Onorato
Dan Onorato
Chief Executive

Attest: Donna Beltz
Donna Beltz
Executive Secretary



ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON PARKS FISCAL NOTE

DATE 07/07/08

BILL NO. 3994-08

TOPIC: VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDERS PARKS PROGRAM – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

FUND TYPE: OPERATING CAPITAL GRANT SPECIAL ACCOUNT

PROJECT COST CENTER/JOB NUMBER: N/A

FIRST READING: 5/6/08

RELEASED FROM COMMITTEE: 3994-08 RELEASED ON 7/2/08 IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM

RECOMMENDATION: AFFIRMATIVE NEGATIVE NONE
REASON:

PRIMARY SPONSOR(S): COUNCIL MEMBER FUTULES AND MACEY

CO-SPONSOR(S):

1. LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

THIS FISCAL NOTE WAS PREPARED ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 3994-08. THIS AMENDMENT WAS PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT THE JULY 2, 2008, PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING. THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE JULY 2ND MEETING TO AMEND BILL NO. 3994-08 IN COMMITTEE. ACCORDINGLY, THE PARKS COMMITTEE RELEASED BILL NO. 3994-08 IN ITS CURRENT FORM. PARKS CHAIRMAN FUTULES INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PRESENT AN AMENDMENT TO THIS BILL AT THE JULY 8, 2008, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 3994-08 IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EXISTING FACILITY AND RECREATIONAL FEE RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE USE OF COUNTY RECREATIONAL AND PARK FACILITIES. SPECIFICALLY, IT WOULD ADD A SECTION CALLED "VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS" AND WOULD ESTABLISH THE "VOLUNTARY FIRST RESPONDERS PARK PASS PROGRAM."

THIS AMENDMENT WOULD REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO SEND AN APPLICATION FOR THE PROGRAM TO EACH VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMS COMPANY LOCATED WITHIN ALLEGHENY COUNTY BY FEBRUARY 1, 2009 AND EACH FEBRUARY 1ST THEREAFTER. THE APPLICATION WOULD INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, A LISTING OF EACH VOLUNTEER'S NAME AND ADDRESS.

CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A PASS INCLUDE THE FIRE AND EMS COMPANIES AFFIRMING THE FIREFIGHTER/EMT IS UNPAID AND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION BEING RECEIVED BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1ST OF EACH YEAR. IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE MET, THE PARKS DEPARTMENT WOULD SEND EACH FIRE AND EMT COMPANY PASSES ISSUED IN THE NAME OF EACH VOLUNTEER.

PASSES WOULD ENTITLE THE NAMED VOLUNTEER WITH FREE ADMISSION TO COUNTY-OWNED SWIMMING POOLS AND SKATING RINKS. IN ADDITION, EACH VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMT COMPANY WOULD BE GRANTED ONE DISCOUNT UP TO FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) TOWARDS THE RENTAL OF ANY PICNIC GROVE IN ANY COUNTY PARK EACH YEAR, SUBJECT TO GROVE AVAILABILITY.

THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED UNDER THIS PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE TRANSFERRABLE, AND WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED TO ANYONE OTHER THAN THE INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER NAMED ON THE PASS.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2.J. OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER VESTS COUNTY COUNCIL WITH THE POWER TO ESTABLISH AND REVISE RATES AND FEES FOR THE PUBLIC USE OF THE RECREATIONAL AND PARK FACILITIES.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT - FISCAL EFFECT

THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS COMPILED FROM THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

COUNTY ORDINANCE 07-06-OR - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FACILITY AND RECREATIONAL RATES AND FEES FOR THE USE OF COUNTY RECREATIONAL AND PARK FACILITIES;

THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ACTIVITIES AND FEE INFORMATION POSTED ON THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY WEBSITE ([HTTP://WWW.ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US/PARKS/ACTIVITIES.ASPX](http://WWW.ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US/PARKS/ACTIVITIES.ASPX));

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Volunteer First Responder Company Information	
Number of 100% Volunteer Fire Companies in Allegheny County	190
Number of 100% Volunteer EMS Companies in Allegheny County	Information Not Available*
Estimated Number of Active Volunteer Firefighters	7,000**
Estimated Number of Active Volunteer EMT	3,000***

*ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, THERE ARE VERY FEW TOTALLY VOLUNTEER EMS COMPANIES IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY. OF THE 149 TOTAL EMS COMPANIES, THERE ARE 40 WITH A VOLUNTEER COMPONENT WITH BOTH PAID AND VOLUNTEER EMT.

**COMPLETE DATA WAS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY MEMBERS. THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ROSTERS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/ALLEGHENY COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY DO NOT DELINEATE BETWEEN ACTIVE AND NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS.

*** COMPLETE DATA WAS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE ACTIVE VOLUNTEER EMT MEMBERS. THE VOLUNTEER EMT ROSTERS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DO NOT DELINEATE BETWEEN ACTIVE AND NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES INDICATED THAT OF THE 3,000 VOLUNTEER EMT, A PORTION OF THESE MEMBERS ARE ALSO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE ALSO VOLUNTEER EMT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Park Fee Information	
Swimming Admission Fee (adult ages 18-59)	\$4.00
Total Number of Sessions in Swimming Season (2008- One session per day)	87
Individual Adult Pool Pass Fee	\$60.00
Ice Skating Admission Fee (adult ages 18-59)	\$3.50
Total Number of Sessions in Skating Season (2007/2008 days = 112/ there are two sessions on weekdays and three sessions on weekends)	262
Individual Adult Ice Skating Pass Fee	N/A
Grove Rental Fees	\$20-\$50

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT CALCULATION

Number of 100% VFC	190
Number of 100% Volunteer EMT Companies	Information Not Available
Number of Discounted Rentals per Voluntary Company	1
Maximum Discount	\$50.00
Potential Maximum Revenue Lost	\$9,500.00

*Assumption - 190 Volunteer Fire Companies (VFC) use the entire \$50 discount on grove rental. Information on the number of 100% Volunteer EMT Companies is not available.

Estimated Number of 100% Volunteer Fire and EMT Members	10,000
Number of Swimming Sessions/Season	87
Cost per Session (Adult)	\$4.00
Potential Maximum Revenue Lost (100% Member Participation - 100% Session Use)	\$3,480,000.00
100% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$121,800.00
75% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$91,350.00
50% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$60,900.00
25% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$30,450.00
10% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$12,180.00
5% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$6,090.00
1% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$1,218.00

Estimated Number of 100% Volunteer Fire and EMT Members	10,000
Cost per Session (Adult)	\$60.00
Potential Maximum Revenue Lost (100% Member Participation)	\$600,000.00
75% Member Participation	\$315,000.00
50% Member Participation	\$210,000.00
25% Member Participation	\$105,000.00
10% Member Participation	\$42,000.00
5% Member Participation	\$21,000.00
1% Member Participation	\$4,200.00

Estimated Maximum Revenue Lost	
<i>(Based on 100% Member Participation - 5% Session Use)</i>	
Estimated Number of 100% Volunteer Fire and EMT Members	10,000
Number of Ice Skating Sessions/Season	262
Cost per Session (Adult)	\$3.50
Potential Maximum Revenue Lost (100% Member Participation - 100% Session Use)	\$9,170,000.00
100% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$320,950.00
75% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$240,712.50
50% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$160,475.00
25% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$80,237.50
10% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$32,095.00
5% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$16,047.50
1% Member Participation - 5% Session Use	\$3,209.50

GROVE FEE

\$50.00 DISCOUNT — ESTIMATED MAXIMUM REVENUE LOST - \$9,500. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE VOLUNTEER EMS COMPANIES. INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF 100% VOLUNTEER EMT COMPANIES IS NOT AVAILABLE.

SWIMMING POOL - FREE ADMISSION

IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THE POTENTIAL LOST REVENUE BECAUSE IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW OFTEN ELIGIBLE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS USED THE POOL PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM. SINCE THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE, LOST REVENUE WAS CALCULATED USING THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) METHODS: THE FIRST METHOD USES PER SESSION FEES AND THE SECOND USES SEASON POOL PASS FEES.

CALCULATION #1

REVENUE LOST RANGE WAS CALCULATED USING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION/ASSUMPTIONS:

THERE ARE 87 SWIMMING SESSIONS IN THE 2008 SWIMMING SEASON.

THE ADULT PER SESSION COST IS \$4.00.

ASSUMPTION: 5% SESSION USE

SCENARIO #1

IF 100% OF THE VOLUNTEERS (10,000) UTILIZE THE PROGRAM DURING 5% OF THE AVAILABLE SESSIONS, THE POTENTIAL LOST REVENUE WOULD BE \$120,180;

SCENARIO #2

IF 10% OF THE VOLUNTEERS (1,000) UTILIZE THE PROGRAM DURING 5% OF THE AVAILABLE SESSIONS THE POTENTIAL LOST REVENUE WOULD BE \$12,180.

CALCULATION #2

IT COULD BE INTERPRETED THAT THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES EACH ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER WITH ONE (1) SEASON POOL PASS VALUED AT \$60. (IF ELIGIBLE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS USE THE POOL DURING 15 OF THE 87 SESSIONS AVAILABLE, THE COST WOULD BE EQUAL TO THAT OF A SEASON POOL PASS - $\$4.00 \times 15$ SESSIONS = $\$60$).

SCENARIO #1

IF 100% OF THE VOLUNTEERS (10,000) UTILIZE THE PROGRAM, THE POTENTIAL SEASON PASS REVENUE LOST WOULD BE $\$600,000$.

SCENARIO #2

IF 10% OF THE VOLUNTEERS (1,000) UTILIZE THE PROGRAM, THE POTENTIAL SEASON PASS REVENUE LOST WOULD BE $\$60,000$.

ICE SKATING - FREE ADMISSION

IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THE POTENTIAL REVENUE LOST BECAUSE IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW OFTEN ELIGIBLE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS USED THE SKATING FACILITIES PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM.

CALCULATION #1

REVENUE LOST RANGE WAS CALCULATED USING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION/ASSUMPTIONS:

THERE ARE 262 ICE SKATING SESSIONS IN THE 2008 SEASON.
THE ADULT PER SESSION COST IS $\$3.50$
ASSUMPTION: 5% SESSION USE

SCENARIO #1

IF 100% OF THE VOLUNTEERS (10,000) UTILIZE THE PROGRAM DURING 5% OF THE AVAILABLE SESSIONS THE POTENTIAL LOST REVENUE WOULD BE $\$320,950$;

SCENARIO #2

IF 10% OF THE VOLUNTEERS (1,000) UTILIZE THE PROGRAM DURING 5% OF THE AVAILABLE SESSIONS THE POTENTIAL LOST REVENUE WOULD BE $\$3,209.50$.

3. STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AVAILABILITY (ONLY FOR PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN CURRENT YEAR)

N/A - THIS LEGISLATION IS EFFECTIVE DURING THE 2009 PARKS SEASON

4. COUNTY REVENUE SOURCE

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WILL BE SOME MINOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROGRAM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PASSES FOR PARK USE (SWIMMING AND ICE SKATING).

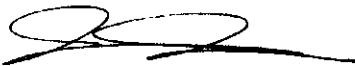
5. DATA SOURCE

COUNTY ORDINANCE 07-06-OR - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FACILITY AND RECREATIONAL RATES AND FEES FOR THE USE OF COUNTY RECREATIONAL AND PARK FACILITIES;

THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ACTIVITIES AND FEE INFORMATION POSTED ON THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY WEBSITE ([HTTP://WWW.ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US/PARKS/ACTIVITIES.ASPX](http://WWW.ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US/PARKS/ACTIVITIES.ASPX))

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (VOLUNTARY FIRE AND EMT DATA)

PREPARED BY



7/7/2008

JENNIFER M. LIPTAK
BUDGET DIRECTOR
COUNTY COUNCIL

THIS NOTE IS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION C "FISCAL NOTES" OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL – RULES OF COUNCIL. THIS NOTE CONTAINS A QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REPRESENT THE INDIVIDUAL POLICY OPINION OF THE PREPARER. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BILL SPONSOR(S) TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BILL IS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OR THE FULL COUNCIL.