

City of Ann Arbor

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Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2014 Fee Adjustments for the Community Services Area Attached for your consideration and approval is the resolution authorizing fee adjustments for FY 2014. Each year, in conjunction with the preparation of the budget, Service Units review fee revenues to determine if the costs of the services rendered are either covered by the fees or are appropriate in relation to comparative data.

When determining cost to serve, Service Units take into account increases in expenses such as labor, materials and supplies, equipment, and overhead costs. Some Service Unit costs to serve analysis resulted in an increase from the prior fiscal year and the recommended increase in fees reflects the higher cost to serve.

Community Services is proposing fee increases in Parks and Recreation Services for rental fees for Cobblestone and meeting room at Gallup Park. The proposed fees are closer to the fees charged by other similar facilities in the area and still be competitive. Comparative fees for similar facilities are attached. Budgeted revenues for Parks and Recreation Services include revenues based upon proposed fee changes.

Community Services is also proposing changes to Planning Services fees to come closer to recovering the full cost of these services. Planning is also proposing addition of four new fees to better match the type of permit applications we have been receiving.

Attached are the recommended fee change proposals for Planning Services and Parks and Recreation Services. Staff is recommending that Council approve these fee changes. A recommendation from the Park Advisory Commission on Parks and Recreation fees will be provided in a separate communication to Council.

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Reviewed by: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

Whereas, All Service Units of the City review their fees each year as part of the budget process;

Whereas, Parks and Recreation Services and Planning and Development Services have reviewed all of their fees as part of the 2014 budget submittal; and

Whereas, Adjustment to selected fees is proposed based upon the cost of providing services or remaining competitive with the market;

RESOLVED, That fees for Parks and Recreation Services and Planning Services be adjusted according to the attached schedules;

RESOLVED, That the attached fee schedules become effective according to the dates in the attached schedules; and

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RESOLVED, That City Council authorize the City Administrator to take necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.