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Purpose

To define a policy for charging fees for the use of County operated parks and recreation facilities and to establish certain group exemptions to said policy.

Background

Section 430.4 of the Administrative Code and Section 41.103 of the County Code of Regulatory Ordinances provide the legal authority for charging park and recreation user fees. Specific fee schedules are contained in Section 430.4 of the Administrative Code. These fee schedules are developed by the Director of Parks and Recreation and are approved by the Board of Supervisors and as such constitute implementation of this policy.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that all people should have the opportunity to enjoy and have equal access to County operated parks and recreation facilities without regard to their gender, ethnicity, religion, economic status, national origin, disability, medical condition sexual orientation, or age. However, the users of parks and facilities should pay, in part, for the maintenance and support of such facilities.

Exceptions to this policy are as follows:

1. No fee shall be charged for use of any park properties when the purpose of use is directly related to, or is a function of, County government, so long as the reservation is made no more than 30 days prior to the event taking place.
2. Recognized youth groups, school groups (through High School), organizations supporting or conducting a youth event or activity, persons with disabilities, economically disadvantaged persons and senior citizens may be extended financial consideration, the limitations of which are set forth in the Department of Parks and Recreation Policy and Procedure Memorandum B-1.
3. At the Director's discretion fees may be discounted or waived for special promotions and Department of Parks and Recreation co-sponsored events.

All revenue accruing from the collection of park user fees shall be deposited in the County's General Fund, unless guidance is provided by the Board of Supervisors, or other authority, that dictates that funds be deposited in an applicable Enterprise or Trust Fund.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-2031.

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