

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO) ORDINANCE NO. 07-1166
CODE CHAPTER 10.02 REGIONAL PARK FEES)
TO PROVIDE FREE ADMISSION TO U.S.)
VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED)
DISABILITIES) Introduced by Councilor Rod Park

WHEREAS, many Veterans of the United States of America’s armed forces (U.S. Veterans) suffer from disabilities inflicted upon them as result of their military service to the nation (“service-connected disabilities”);

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon has a program that provides U.S. Veterans with military service-connected disabilities with free admission to any park in the Oregon State Parks system;

WHEREAS, Metro wishes to amend Metro Code Section 10.02 to provide U.S. Veterans with service-connected disabilities with free admission and camping at Metro Regional Parks, on the same terms and using the same identification as the state program; now therefore

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Metro Code Chapter 10.02 Regional Park Fees shall be amended as follows:

10.02.020 Park Fees

“The following fees shall be charged and collected by Metro for and prior to the following park uses and activities:

- (a) Reservation fees for shelters and reservable picnic areas at Blue Lake Park shall be set forth in Appendix "A" to Chapter 10.02. However, reservation fees for weekday events (except holidays) shall be reduced by 20 percent. Off-season reservation fees (November 1 through May 14) shall be reduced by 50 percent.
- (b) Fees for alcohol permits at Blue Lake Park shall be \$225.00 for all areas.
- (c) Overnight camping fees at Oxbow Park shall be \$15.00 per site per night. Permit must be displayed. The fee for each additional vehicle shall be \$4.00 per night. Each vehicle must pay entry fee on initial day of entry.
- (d) Entry fees at Blue Lake Park and Oxbow Park shall be \$4.00 per motorized vehicle on all days and \$7.00 per bus on all days.
- (e) Boat launching and/or parking fees at the M. James Gleason Boat Ramp shall be \$5.00 and fees at the Chinook Landing Marine Park shall be \$5.00 per motorized vehicle on all days.
- (f) Fees for special events shall be set by the Director of the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department.

(g) Fees for nightly use of overnight group camps at Oxbow Park by nonprofit and youth organizations shall be as follows:

- (1) \$25.00 minimum for the first 10 people for Group Camp #2 and then \$2.50 per person up to a \$87.50 maximum (this does not include the vehicle entry fee). 35 people per night maximum per site.
- (2) \$50.00 minimum for the first 20 people for Group Camp #1 and then \$2.50 per person up to a \$325.00 maximum (this does not include the vehicle entry fee). 150 people maximum per night.
- (3) A reservation fee of \$10.00 will be charged to all groups.

(h) Picnic area reservation fees at Oxbow Park shall be as follows (does not include vehicle entry fees):

- Area A - \$280.00
- Area B - \$170.00
- Area C - \$215.00
- Area D - \$260.00

However, reservation fees for weekday events (except holidays) shall be reduced by 20 percent. Off-season reservation fees (November 1 through May 14) shall be reduced by 50 percent.

(i) The fee for annual passes in lieu of daily entrance fees, launching and/or parking fees at Blue Lake Park, Oxbow Park, Chinook Landing, and M. James Gleason Boat Ramp shall be as follows:

- (1) Regular: \$40.00 per year (January 1 through December 31)
- (2) Seniors: \$30.00 per year (January 1 through December 31)
- (3) Low-Income/Disabled: \$10.00 per year (January 1 through December 31)

(j) Entrance fees at Blue Lake Park and Oxbow Regional Park shall be waived for any police officer (officers' fees are waived also at Chinook Landing Marine Park and the Gleason Boat Ramp) or Metro employee who presents valid current identification at the park entrance. Fee waivers shall not apply to any special events or other facilities.

(k) Entrance fees at Blue Lake Park, Oxbow Park, Chinook Landing, and M. James Gleason Boat Ramp, and camping fees at Oxbow Park, shall be waived for any disabled veteran who presents valid current photo identification and an Oregon State Parks Special Access Pass for Veterans with Service Connected Disabilities ID Card at the park entrance, and displays the Oregon State Parks Special Access Pass for Veterans with Service Connected Disabilities ID Card and green placard issued by Oregon State Parks in said veteran's vehicle in full view on the dashboard or hanging from the rear-view mirror.

Fee waivers shall not apply to fees for the use of other facilities.

(l) Except for use by Metro, rental fees, along with \$300.00 refundable deposit, for "The Lake House" at Blue Lake Park shall be:

- (1) April 1 to October 31 (Friday after 5:00 p.m. and Sundays):
 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1,000.00
 - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$1,000.00
 - 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. \$1,500.00

- (2) April 1 to October 31 (Saturday):
 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1,100.00
 - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$1,100.00
 - 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. \$1,600.00

- (3) November 1 to March 30 (Friday after 5:00 p.m. and Sundays):
 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$ 700.00
 - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$ 700.00
 - 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. \$1,050.00

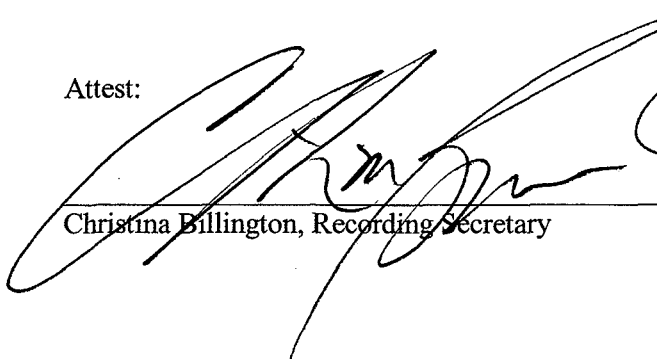
- (4) November 1 to March 30 (Saturday)
 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$ 800.00
 - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$ 800.00
 - 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. \$1,150.00

- (5) Weekdays (Monday through Thursday and Friday until 5:00 p.m.):
 - \$40.00 per hour (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) with a three-hour minimum charge
 - \$60.00 per hour (5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.) with a three-hour minimum charge”

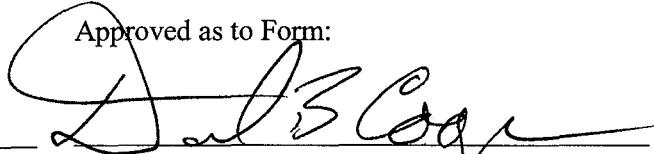
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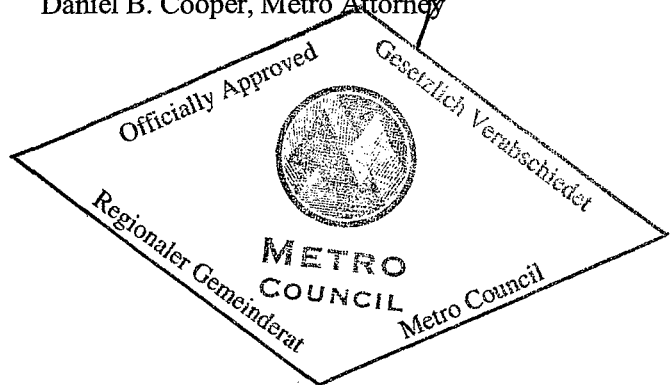

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STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 07-1166, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO CODE CHAPTER 10.02 REGIONAL PARK FEES TO PROVIDE FREE ADMISSION TO U.S. VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES

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BACKGROUND

The Metro region is home to a number of disabled veterans who have served our country. The State of Oregon currently has a program that provides U.S. Veterans with military service connected disabilities with free admission to any park in the Oregon State Parks system.

Currently, disabled veterans are offered a discounted admission fee to Metro Regional Parks. This ordinance would amend Metro Code Section 10.02.020 Park Fees to provide U.S. Veterans with service-connected disabilities with free admission and camping at Metro Regional Parks, on the same terms and using the same identification as the state program. Disabled veterans will be able to present a valid current photo identification and an Oregon State Parks Special Access Pass for Veterans with Service Connected Disabilities ID Card at the park entrance, and display the Oregon State Parks Special Access Pass for Veterans with Service Connected Disabilities ID Card and green placard issued by Oregon State Parks in their vehicle.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None known.
2. **Legal Antecedents.** Metro Code Section 10.02.020 Park Fees.
3. **Anticipated Effects** Disabled veterans will be granted free admission to Metro Regional Parks.
4. **Budget Impacts** There will be a slight decrease in revenue collected.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Councilor Rod Park recommends approval of Ordinance 07-1166.