

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING) ORDINANCE NO. 98-722
METRO CODE TITLE X, METRO)
REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES,)
TO INCREASE RENTAL FEES AT BLUE) Introduced by
LAKE REGIONAL PARK'S LAKE HOUSE.) Mike Burton, Exec. Officer

WHEREAS, User fee survey was conducted by Regional Parks and Greenspaces staff on facilities comparable to Blue Lake Regional Park's Lake House; and

WHEREAS, Rental fees at the Lake House were found to be low compared to similar facilities; and

WHEREAS, User fees for Regional Parks and Greenspaces facilities are a part of Metro Code Title X and must receive Council approval; and

WHEREAS, Regional Parks and Greenspaces proposes to increase rental fees at the Lake House; now, therefore,

The Metro Council ordains as follows:

1. Metro Code Section 10.02.020 Park Fees is amended to read:

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 weekdays events (except holidays) shall be reduced by 20 percent. Off-season reservation fees (November 1 - May 14) shall be reduced by 50 percent.

(b) Alcohol permits at Blue Lake Park shall be as follows:

(1) \$150.00 for areas with capacity of 100 or more.

(2) \$85.00 for areas with a capacity of less than 100.

(c) Overnight camping fees at Oxbow Park: \$9.00 per site per night. Permit must be displayed. Each additional vehicle: \$2.00 per night. Each vehicle must pay entry fee on initial day of entry.

(d) Entry fees at Blue Lake Park and Oxbow Park: Summer fees (May 15 thru October 31): \$3.00 per motorized vehicle on all days; \$6.00 per bus all days. Winter fees (November 1 thru May 14): \$2.00 per motorized vehicle on weekdays; \$3.00 per motorized vehicle on weekends and holidays; \$6.00 per bus all days.

(e) Boat launching and/or parking fees at the M. James Gleason Boat Ramp and Chinook Landing Marine Park: \$3.00 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) All nonprofit and youth organization fees for nightly use of overnight groups camps at Oxbow shall be as follows:

(1) \$20.00 minimum for the first 10 people for Group Camp #2 and #3 and then \$2.00/person up to a \$70.00 maximum (This does not include the vehicle entry fee). 35 people per night maximum per site.

(2) \$40.00 minimum for the first 20 people for Group Camp #1 and then \$2.00/person up to a \$300.00 maximum (This does not include the vehicle entry fee). 150 people maximum per night.

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

Area A - \$210.00

Area B - \$130.00

Area C - \$160.00

Area D - \$110.00

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

(i) 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:


Regular: \$35.00 per year (October 1 thru September 30) Seniors: \$25.00 per year (October 1 thru September 30). Low-Income/disabled: \$10.00. (October 1 thru September 30).

(j) Entrance fees at Blue Lake and Oxbow Park shall be waived for any police officer or Metro employee who presents valid current identification at the park entrance. Fee waivers shall not apply to any special events.

(k) Except for use by Metro, rental fees, along with \$100.00 refundable deposit, for "The Lake House" at Blue Lake Park shall be:

- (1) April 1 to October 31 (Friday 5:00 p.m. through Sunday):
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$650.00
6:00 p.m. to midnight \$650.00
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. \$1,000.00
- (2) November 1 to March 30 (Friday 5:00 p.m. through Sunday):
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$430.00
6:00 p.m. to midnight \$430.00
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. \$724.50
- (3) Weekdays (Monday through 5:00 p.m. Friday):
\$38.00 per hour (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) with a three-hour minimum charge
\$60.00 per hour (5:00 p.m. - Midnight) with a three hour minimum charge;

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 5th day of March, 1998.



Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form:



Recording Secretary



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 98-722 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO CODE TITLE X, METRO REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES, TO INCREASE RENTAL FEES AT BLUE LAKE REGIONAL PARK'S LAKE HOUSE.

Date: December 29, 1997

Presented by:
Charles Ciecko, Director
Dan Kromer, O & M Manager
Regional Parks and Greenspaces

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

User fee survey of facilities in the region comparable to Blue Lake Regional Park's Lake House was recently completed and is attached as Exhibit A. Based on this survey, Regional Parks and Greenspaces is proposing to raise the rental fee charged at the Lake House by approximately 21% for six hours and 16% for twelve hours. The last time fees were increased at this facility was in May of 1993. User fees for Regional Parks and Greenspaces facilities are a part of Metro Code Title X. Any changes to these user fees are subject to Council approval.

Budget Impact:

The budget impact to Regional Parks and Greenspaces from this ordinance is an increase in annual rental revenue from the Lake House of approximately \$5,400. No other budget impacts are anticipated.

A Regional Parks and Greenspaces staff member will be present to answer any questions by Council regarding this agreement.

Executive Officer's Recommendation:

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 98-722.

EXHIBIT A

**LAKE HOUSE COST COMPARISON STUDY
DECEMBER 1997**

CRITERIA	BLUE LAKE'S LAKE HOUSE (Proposed)	LEACH GARDENS 761-2185	JENKINS ESTATE 642-3855	LAKESIDE GARDENS 760-6044	CLUB PAESANO 666-7636	PERSIMMON COUNTRY CLUB 666-4797	WEDDING HOUSE 236-7353	BROETJE HOUSE 659-8860	EAST FORK ESTATE 667-7069
Capacity									
Indoor	125	up to 85 for weddings	100	250	500	100	100	150	250 indoor/outdoor
Outdoor	250	50	50	50		200		150	
Basic Rate Weekday	\$38/hr before 5 pm (\$60/hr after 5 pm)	\$25/hr, \$45 for cleaning	\$25/hr before 5 pm \$50/hr after 5 pm	\$50/ hr	\$475 /6 hrs. \$875/ 12 hrs	\$300 for 50 plus AV rental			
Minimum hrs	3	3	3	4	6	4			
Basic Rate Weekend	\$537.50/860 Apr. 1-Oct. 31 (\$650/\$1,000)	\$625; \$60 ea. extra hr.	\$525/res. \$675/nonres.	\$1800	\$875	\$750	\$800	\$2,500/150	\$6,995/250
Minimum hrs	6/12	6	6	4	12	4	6	6	6
Other	Nov. 1-Mar 30 \$430/\$724.50 Add't hour: \$70 (\$100)		Will book for all day event at \$800/res. \$950/nonres.	Weddings range from \$1,800 (w/cake) - \$2,400 (w/cake & bev.) food extra	Outdr. \$775 for < 300, \$175 for > 300 Indr & out: \$1075 for < 300, \$1475 > 300	Only Country Club food/beverage service allowed, prices vary	Limited outdoor seating	Package deal only \$2,500 (w/ cake), \$4,500 (w/food)	Package deal only (includes food/bev.)
Relative cost per 100 person meeting/event Weekday 3 hr. meeting	\$114 (\$180 after 5 pm)	\$120	\$75 (res.) \$150 after 5 pm (res.)	\$200	\$475	\$300			
Weekend 4-6 hr event	\$537.50 (\$650)	\$625	\$525/res. \$675/non-res	\$1800	\$475	\$750	\$800	\$2,500	\$6,995

REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 98-722, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO CODE TITLE X, METRO REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES, TO INCREASE RENTAL FEES AT BLUE LAKE REGIONAL PARK'S LAKE HOUSE.

Date: February 26, 1998

Presented by: Councilor McCaig

Committee Action: At its February 18, 1998 meeting, the Regional Facilities Committee unanimously recommended Council adoption of Ordinance 98-722. Voting in favor: Councilors McCaig, Naito and McFarland.

Council Issues/Discussion:

Charles Ciecko and Dan Kromer made the staff presentation for the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department. The department is proposing to raise fees at Lake House, a facility at Blue Lake Park which is used primarily for weddings and small group meetings. It was felt that the fees were not being charged at a similar level with other facilities in the area. This was confirmed through a survey. Proposed fee increases range from \$100 to \$150, depending on the block of time rented. The net revenue impact of these fee increases is approximately \$5,400, annually.

Staff indicated that they did not expect any decrease in bookings based on these increases. Councilor McFarland supported this ordinance, while stating that it might be O.K. for public facilities to charge a little less than private ones in circumstances like these.