BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO CODE CHAPTER 10.02 TO INCREASE THE REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT AT THE LAKE HOUSE AT BLUE LAKE REGIONAL PARK ORDINANCE NO. 04-1047

Introduced by Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, with the concurrence of Council President David Bragdon

WHEREAS, the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department operates "The Lake House" at Blue Lake Regional Park as a facility for the general public to have weddings, business meetings and other events; and

WHEREAS, the rental fees and refundable deposit for this facility are established by the Metro Council in Metro Code Title X; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department has determined that an increase to the refundable deposit at The Lake House is necessary to protect Metro's interest in collecting certain fees; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the refundable deposit has not been increased since it was established in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the increase of the refundable deposit is not anticipated to deter event bookings at this facility; now therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Metro Code Chapter 10.02 Regional Park Fees is hereby amended as follows:

Metro Code Section 10.02.020 Park Fees, Subsection (k) is amended to read:

"(k) Except for use by Metro, rental fees, along with $\frac{100.00300.00}{300.00}$ 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.	\$	800.00	
	6:00 p.m. to midnight	\$	800.00	
	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	\$	1,300.00	
(2)	April 1 to October 31 (Saturday):			
	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	\$	900.00	
	6:00 p.m. to midnight	\$	900.00	
	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	\$	1,400.00	
(3)	November 1 to March 30 (Friday after 5:00 p.m. and Sundays):			
	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	\$	500.00	
	6:00 p.m. to midnight	\$	500.00	
	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	\$	850.00	
(4)	November 1 to March 30 (Saturday)			
	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	\$	600.00	
	6:00 p.m. to midnight	\$	600.00	

10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

\$ 950.00

(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. - midnight) with a three-hour minimum charge"

All other provisions of Metro Code Section 10.02.020 Park Fees remain the same.

Brd ADOPTED by the Metro Council this day of June 2004. DROVATO TRO COUNT David Bragdon, Council President CONSIGLIO ME Attest: Approved as to Form: Christina Billington, Recording Secretary Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 04-1047, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO CODE CHAPTER 10.02 TO INCREASE THE REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT AT THE LAKE HOUSE AT BLUE LAKE REGIONAL PARK.

Date: April 28, 2004

Prepared by: Jeff Tucker

BACKGROUND

The Lake House at Blue Lake Regional Park is rented out for use by the public for weddings, business meetings and other events. The Regional Parks Department has a management agreement with Salvador Molly's to book the facility and manage it for these specified purposes.

There are a number of fees that renters are potentially responsible for paying that cannot be collected prior to the scheduled event. These include overtime fees, cleaning fees, and reimbursements for any damage to the building or grounds. The refundable security deposit is meant to protect Metro's interest in the event that these fees become necessary to charge and the renters are unwilling to pay them. Any one of these fees can easily exceed the currently required refundable security deposit of \$100.

Increasing the refundable deposit from \$100 to \$300 would better protect Metro's interest for the collection of these "after-the-event" fees. The increase is supported by Salvador Molly's, the current managers of the facility, and they believe that the increased fee would not deter booking of the facility, since the fee is refundable if no "after-the-event" fees are charged.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. Known Opposition: None.
- **2.** Legal Antecedents: Metro Code Chapter 10.02 Park Fees and Metro Code Section 10.02.020(k) establishes the refundable deposit for The Lake House at Blue Lake Regional Park.
- **3.** Anticipated Effects: It is anticipated that the refundable security deposit for The Lake House at Blue Lake Regional Park will increase from \$100 to \$300.
- 4. Budget Impacts: None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Chief Operating Officer Michael Jordan, with the concurrence of Council President David Bragdon, recommends Council adoption of Ordinance 04-1047, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code 10.02 Chapter to Increase the Refundable Deposit at The Lake House at Blue Lake Regional Park.