

AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor Pat Humphrey and the Clare City Commission
From: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
Date: May 2, 2024
Re: Increase in Soccer Program Fees

For the Agenda of May 6, 2024

Background. The Parks and Recreation Department and the City's Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) recently met to discuss Soccer Program Fees and are now recommending changes to those fees requiring City Commission approval. As you can see in Recreation Director Joy Simmer's memo there will still be a distinction between City Resident and Non-Resident costs for the program. The fee is only increasing by \$5.00 per child and it has not been raised for almost a decade.

Soccer fees are currently \$30 for resident/\$35 for non-residents for early registration and \$35 for resident/\$40 for non-residents for late registration. The Recreation Department and PRAB recommend the fees be increased to \$35 for residents/\$40 for non-residents for early registration, and \$40 for residents/\$45 for non-residents for late registration.

Note: The City's fee/rate structure is reviewed and approved annually by the City Commission in conjunction with the City's budget approval process. This particular rate structure is presently "out of synch" with the remainder of our fee & rate schedule due to the fact that soccer registration commences in May – prior to the approval of the City's annual budget and fee/rate schedule, thus the need for this "out of synch" request.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission approve the fee change recommendations of the Recreation Department and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board?

Alternatives.

1. Approve the recommendations.
2. Do not approve the recommendations.
3. Set aside decision regarding this matter to a later date.

Financial Impact. The revised rate structure will observantly generate an additional approximately \$1,500 annually in revenues.

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission formally approve the Recreation Department/Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommendations by adoption of Resolution 2024-028 (*copy att'd*).

Attachment.

1. Memo from Recreation Director Joy Simmer.
2. Resolution 2024-028.

Memo

From: Joy Simmer

Date: May 1, 2024

Re: Request for the Clare Youth Soccer Program Fee Increase

SUMMARY

The Clare Parks and Recreation Department would like to request approval to increase the Clare Youth Soccer Fees this year due to rise in supply costs and since the last increase was nine years ago (2015). At the time of the last increase Clare Parks and Recreation also switched to implement a resident vs. non-resident fee (Resolution 2015-030). Non-residents would still pay the additional \$5 fee. The Clare Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted in favor of the increase and is recommending that the Clare City Commission approve an increase of \$5 and to add the fee to the fee and rate schedule for annual review.

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Early Registration – City Resident	\$30/child	\$35/child
Early Registration – Non-Resident	\$35/child	\$40/child
Late Registration – City Resident	\$35/child	\$40/child
Late Registration – Non-Resident	\$40/child	\$45/child

These amounts can be revisited every year, but we would like to do small increases to keep the program affordable, but also to make sure that we are covering the program and supply costs. This increase will generate ~\$1,500 additional per year for recreation.

Thank you for your consideration,



Joy KS Simmer

RESOLUTION 2024-028

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING AN INCREASE IN SOCCER PROGRAM FEES RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF CLARE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the City’s Recreation Department and the Parks & Recreations Advisory Board (PRAB) have recommended to the City Commission that the rate structure fees for the City’s soccer program be increased to help sufficiently cover the operating costs of the program; and

WHEREAS, the City Staff concurs with said recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed and considered said recommendations and deems that they are prudent, reasonable, and serve the best interests of the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Clare hereby approves the following rate increase for the City’s Soccer Program to be effective immediately: \$35 for residents and \$40 for non-residents for early registration and \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-resident late registration.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

**The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.
The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:**

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 6th day of May 2024.

Diane M. Lyon, City Clerk