



CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS



COUNCIL PROPOSAL

Date: 04/22/2025	File Number: 331	Subject: Waiver of Park Reservation Fees, Electricity Fees, and Concession Fees for the following 2025 Events: Fort Worth Eatz Food Festival, Carry The Load, and Osprey Bass Anglers Foundation 34 th Annual Youth Fishing Festival
Proposed By: Councilmember Elizabeth Beck		City Manager's Review:  City Attorney's Review: 
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It is proposed that the City Council retroactively approve the waiver of park reservation fees, electricity fees, and concession fees for the Fort Worth Eatz Food Festival and waive the park reservation fees and electricity fees for the following upcoming 2025 events:

1. Fort Worth Eatz Food Festival (March 16, 2025) - \$980.00
2. Carry The Load (May 24, 2025) - \$40.00
3. Osprey Bass Anglers Foundation 34th Annual Youth Fishing Festival (June 14, 2025) - \$330.00

DISCUSSION:

The Park & Recreation Department (PARD) Park Reservation and Festival Equipment Rental Policies establish procedures for reserving parks and rental of various pieces of festival equipment. As part of the annual budget process, the City Council adopts all City fees including park reservations and festival equipment rental fees.

On Thursday, February 20, 2025, Councilmember Beck's Office approached the PARD requesting the waiver of certain fees related to:

1. 2025 Fort Worth Eatz Food Festival Event, which serves to help local businesses gain customers and notoriety; and will offer free brunch to the community, as well as free give aways and resource to families in need. Waiver of fees includes the park reservation fees and electricity fees for Pavilion #2 and #3, plus concession fees for twenty anticipated vendors, totaling \$980.00 (Permit #43440) for the event held on March 16, 2025 at Trinity Park.
2. 2025 Carry The Load Event, which serves to honor and support the military, veterans, first responders, and their families so that they have access to counseling, adaptive training, suicide prevention, equine therapy, service dogs, job placements, transition, home improvements, scholarships for children, and more. Waiver of park amenity fees for restroom access and availability, totaling \$40.00 (Permit #44342) for the event held on May 24, 2025 at Trinity Park Pavilion #1.

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3. 34th Annual Osprey Bass Anglers Foundation Youth Fishing Festival, which is typically held the day before Father's Day and promotes togetherness for friends and families, in addition to physical and mental wellness. Waiver of park reservation fees totaling \$330.00 (Permit #44406) for the event held on June 14, 2025 at Greenbriar Park Pavilion #1.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Community investment.

LEGALITY:

The Department of Law finds that this proposal is legal and that it is within the authority of the Fort Worth City Council.

FISCAL NOTE:

The following costs are anticipated to be incurred to implement this Council Proposal:

1. Direct appropriation or expenditure required: \$0.00
2. Estimated (A) number of staff hours (0) multiplied by (B) average total-employee per-hour cost (\$0.00) equals (C) staff costs: \$0.00
3. Total estimated costs (1 + 2) = \$0.00

Of the above-identified amount, \$0.00 is within currently budgeted resources and \$0.00 would need to be appropriated.

Based on the above and the attached financial checklist, the Director of Finance certifies that the approval of this Council Proposal will not require the appropriation of additional funds at this time.

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CURRENT FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Waiver of the above fees will result in a total of \$1,350.00 of unrealized revenues.

ONGOING FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None. This request is for one-time waivers.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT:

The City Manager has no objection to this proposal.

PROPOSED BY:

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Councilmember Elizabeth M. Beck, District 9

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Councilmember Jeanette Martinez, District 11

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Councilmember Chris Nettles, District 8

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Councilmember Gyna Bivens, District 5

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