

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 80NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY PARK DEDICATION POLICY 25 UPDATE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Ordinance Amending the Neighborhood and Community Park Dedication Policy to Authorize the Use of Park Dedication and Development Fees in Adjacent Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, to Revise the Authorized Uses of Interest Earned on Park Dedication and Development Fees Collected, and to Make Non-Substantive Changes

(PUBLIC HEARING - a. Report of City Staff: Joel McElhany; b. Public Comment; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearing and Act on M&C)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt the attached ordinance amending the Neighborhood and Community Park Dedication Policy to authorize a revised use of the park dedication and development fees and interest earnings.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is for the City Council to authorize the adoption of amendments to the Neighborhood and Community Park Dedication Policy to authorize a revised use of the park dedication and development fees and interest earnings.

Background

The Neighborhood and Community Park Dedication Policy (Policy) originated in 1977 and is part of the City's Subdivision Ordinance. Since then, the Policy has been revised several times to strategically enhance the City's ability to meet the recreational and open space needs of a growing population without hindering development and re-development initiatives. The purpose of the Policy is to ensure that adequate recreational areas in the form of neighborhood and community-based parks are provided to meet the need created by residential development.

Current Update

This amendment is to allow the use of park dedication and development fees in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction and to revise the allowed uses of interest earnings.

Changes are summarized in the table below:

Policy Section	Current Policy Language	Proposed Change
Section X., A., 2	If such acquisition opportunities are not available within the Neighborhood Unit, then areas within the adjacent contiguous Neighborhood Unit(s) may be considered for acquisition if it will beneficially serve the residents of the proposed subdivision development.	If such acquisition opportunities are not available within the Neighborhood Unit, then areas within the adjacent contiguous Neighborhood Unit(s) <u>or within the adjacent extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Fort Worth that is adjacent to existing City limits or planned annexation</u> may be considered for acquisition if it will beneficially serve the residents of the proposed subdivision development.
Section X., A., 3	If such acquisition opportunities are not available within the adjacent contiguous Neighborhood Unit(s), then areas within the adjacent	If such acquisition opportunities are not available within the adjacent contiguous Neighborhood Unit(s), then areas within the adjacent

	contiguous Community Park Unit(s) or within the Park Planning District may be considered for acquisition if it will beneficially serve the residents of the proposed subdivision development. Additionally, funding for Community Park acquisition may be accumulated from Community Park Units with the Park Planning District, adjacent contiguous Community Park Units or adjacent Park Planning District equal to the percentage of service radius (1.5 mile) within the adjacent Park Planning District.	contiguous Community Park Unit(s) or within the Park Planning District <u>or within the adjacent extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Fort Worth that is adjacent to existing City limits or planned annexation</u> may be considered for acquisition if it will beneficially serve the residents of the proposed subdivision development. Additionally, funding for Community Park acquisition may be accumulated from Community Park Units with the Park Planning District, adjacent contiguous Community Park Units or adjacent Park Planning District equal to the percentage of service radius (1.5 mile) within the adjacent Park Planning District.
Section X., C.	Interest earned on accumulated park acquisition and development fees designated for a specific subdivision development shall be used for additional acquisition and development as described in this Policy.	Interest earned on accumulated park acquisition and development fees designated for a specific subdivision development shall <u>may be used for the following purposes: additional park acquisition and development as described in this Policy; comprehensive park and facility master plans; individual park master plans; funding of staff positions for staff who administer this Policy.</u>

On January 16, 2025, the Park & Recreation Department presented the proposed amendments to the Development Advisory Committee (DAC). On January 22, 2025, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board endorsed the proposed updates to the Policy. Upon adoption, the amended Neighborhood and Community Park Dedication Policy will be effective on March 1, 2025.

This program services ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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