

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE REGULATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) recommend that Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Park and Open Space Regulations (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

An interdepartmental Building Regulations Committee was created by the City Manager in August 1997. The charge of this committee was to develop regulations for the use of City facilities by the public. These regulations were deemed necessary since facilities were at times being used by some members of the public in ways that interfered with the mission and function of City programs and services, resulting in complaints from the public at large. A set of defined and enforceable regulations has helped City staff respond to complaints and work with facility visitors to encourage appropriate conduct and use of City facilities.

On June 24, 2002, regulations were adopted governing the appropriate use of park and open space facilities. Staff committed to keeping these rules and regulations current and relevant to park use patterns and emerging recreational needs. The rules have been periodically updated as needed.

DISCUSSION

On August 27, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed updating the Park and Open Space Regulations. The proposed update includes new regulations to address emerging issues, edits designed to make regulations easier to understand, references to the municipal code so that readers can see how the regulations are connected to the municipal code, and wording changes to reflect current City policy. Attachment A contains the regulations with the changes marked in “Track Changes”.

During the August 27 meeting, there were two comments from the Commission and one from a community member that resulted in changes to the proposed update of the regulations. A Commissioner suggested reorganizing the regulations to make the document easier to search. A table of contents with bookmarks has been added to the proposed update to address this issue. The Ad Hoc Committee agreed a table of contents is a helpful tool for searching the regulations.

Another Commission suggestion was to amend R1-16 (I), which prohibits animals from being on the pool deck, to allow service animals at the pool. The regulation has been edited to allow service animals as defined by state and federal law.

A community member wrote to the Commission and spoke during the public comment period at the August 27 meeting about a suggestion for changing R1-21A, which restricts commercial photography and filming. The community member's suggestion was to provide a description of "commercial" photography and film. The Ad Hoc Committee is supportive of the proposed edit.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Amendment of the Park and Open Space Regulations