

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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DATE: JANUARY 25, 2021

**SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5- TITLE: FOOTHILLS PARK VISITOR
LIMIT, ENTRY FEE POLICY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

City Council Action on January 19, 2021

On January 19, 2021, City Council discussed the Foothills Park visitor limit and potential entry fees. The [City Council Agenda for January 19, 2021](#) Item number 6: *Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Fee Schedule to Add Vehicle Entrance Fees for Foothills Park, and to Amend PAMC Section 22.04.150(k) to Adjust Attendance Limits at Foothills Park*, contains links to the staff report, public comments sent to Council, an At Places Memo, and the staff presentation.

On January 19th, the City Council passed the following motion:

Adopt an Ordinance to:

- A. Amend PAMC Section 22.04.150(k) to authorize the City Manager to adjust the attendance limits at Foothills Park, 400 people but not to exceed 500 people;
- B. Amend the Municipal Fee Schedule to add an interim \$6 per vehicle entrance fee for Foothills Park, with volunteers exempted;
- C. Direct the Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff to return to Council with considerations for fees, discounts, rules and enforcement policies; and
- D. Direct Staff to return with an Emergency Ordinance to: a. Amend PAMC Section 22.04.150(k) to authorize the City Manager to adjust the attendance limits at Foothills Park, 400 people but not to exceed 500 people; and b. Amend the Municipal Fee Schedule to add an interim \$6 per vehicle entrance fee for Foothills Park, with volunteers exempted.

On February 1, 2021, City Council will consider an emergency ordinance to establish a \$6 per vehicle entry fee. If approved, the emergency ordinance would take effect immediately. The new visitor limit (400 people but not to exceed 500 people) would be implemented on February 2. Staff estimates a weekend entry fee will be begin in mid-February and a weekday fee will begin later in the Spring. Several other actions were referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider, such as researching a permanent fee structure, including annual passes, discounts for seniors, and evaluating an online registration system.

Potential Timeframe for Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation to Council

If the Parks and Recreation Commission makes a recommendation to City Council at the February 23, 2021 Commission meeting, the recommendation would be sent to Council late March/early April. Any City Council action that amends or creates an ordinance (other than an emergency ordinance) would take effect approximately 45 days later (31 days from the second reading of the ordinance).