

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS COLLECTED IN RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEE FUND

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena has established a Residential Impact Fee (“fee” or “RIF”) consistent with the General Plan and Government Code Section 66477 through codification of Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.17; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this fee is to assure that neither the existing supply of park land nor the current facilities in the existing parks will be adversely impacted by new residential development, thereby maintaining the proper balance between the number of residents in the community and the amount of park and recreational facilities available; and,

WHEREAS, the current distribution of the fee is 90 percent to the park zone in which the fee was collected and 10 percent to the citywide parks; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the City Council, staff and the Recreation and Parks Commission (CIP Subcommittee) worked to explore and develop a new fee distribution methodology that would provide maximum flexibility in the use of the funding for new parks and making capital improvements to Pasadena’s existing parks, focusing on the RIF Allocation Analysis Objectives as follows:

1. To provide more flexibility in where, geographically, RIF funds may be used;
2. To fund and build larger, more expensive projects with a cost that typically exceeds the available revenue in a single zone; and
3. To address the General Plan, Open Space and Conservation Element’s implementation measure for RIFs to “Develop a plan to establish a fixed ratio for spending the residential impact fee so that it emphasizes acquisition...”

WHEREAS, after study and recommendation by staff and the Recreation and Parks Commission, the City Council finds that the method used for distribution of Residential Impact Fees should be changed to provide more flexibility in the use of the fee, thereby better fulfilling the City Council's strategic planning goals of maintaining fiscal responsibility and stability, and improving, maintaining and enhancing public facilities with respect to the use of the fee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pasadena that the Residential Impact Fee distribution methodology is as follows:

Section 1. 20 Percent Flexible Reserve. The RIF distribution shall be: 70 percent allocated to the park zone of origin; 10 percent allocated to citywide parks; and 20 percent allocated to Flexible Reserve. Funds from this Reserve could fund any project irrespective of the park zone in which the fee originated.

Section 2. Parkland Acquisition and/or Projects of Citywide Significance. RIF may be used as follows:

- a. Up to 100 percent of RIF fund balance for park acquisition and requiring recommendation of the Recreation and Parks Commission to City Council, for City Council approval.
- b. Up to 100 percent of RIF fund balance for “projects of citywide significance,” defined as meeting one or more of the criteria below and requiring recommendation of the Recreation and Parks Commission to City Council, for City Council approval.
 1. The project acquires and/or develops new park space in an identified gap area.

The opportunity for new park development is rare and should be given citywide importance. Further, the development of new parks in the six identified gap areas is one of the recommendations of the Green Space, Recreation and Parks Master Plan. Adding parks to these underserved areas will provide this much needed resource to residents and lessen the impact on other parks throughout the City.

2. The project would address an identified park and/or recreation deficiency and serve a broad section of the Pasadena population.

A project that directly addresses an identified deficiency and would impact a broad section of the population should be considered as having citywide significance. Facilities of this type usually do not only serve users in the immediate neighborhood, but rather, users across the City. A prime example of this is sport fields. The Green Space, Recreation and Parks Master Plan identify the need for more sports fields in the City. Sports fields are used by both adults and children and draw people from all parts of the City. Other examples include pools, water play areas, sports field lighting, jogging/biking

paths, tennis courts, and expansion of existing and/or new recreation facilities. A deficiency can also be defined as existing facilities in need of substantial refurbishment.

3. The project would create or enhance a one-of-a-kind active recreational facility within the City.

A one-of-a-kind park facility attracts users from all parts of the City to use the venue and participate in the unique opportunity. Existing examples include the Pasadena Equestrian Center at Hahamongna Watershed Park, the Lower Arroyo Seco archery range and casting pond, Central Park's lawn bowling facility, La Pintoresca skate park, and Vina Vieja Park Dog Park.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Theresa E. Fuentes
Assistant City Attorney