



## PARKS, TREE & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

### AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date:	March 9, 2022	Division:	Recreation Division	Item:	Policy Item
Title:	Consideration of changes to the Admission Fee Policy established for the Laramie Community Recreation Center.				

#### **Recommended Board Motion:**

I move that the Parks, Tree and Recreation Advisory Board approve the changes to the Laramie Community Recreation Center Admission Fee Policy.

#### **Administrative or Policy Goal:**

The board shall review and make recommendations to the city council for fees and charges for parks and recreation programs and facility uses.

#### **Background Information:**

The Laramie Recreation Center has long had an admission policy that enabled the caregivers of disabled patrons to access the facility without paying admissions while they are providing care to clients. This has been the only written policy with regards to who is required to pay admissions.

However, shortly after facility opening patrons at the Laramie Community Recreation Center pressed the administration to allow parents who were here to supervise their children to enter without paying admissions. It was never adopted as a policy, but the friction caused inconsistent application of fees. Additionally, individuals who have a facility rental in an area such as the gymnasium or pool are not required to also pay admissions, nor are those who have signed up for an activity.

With the installation and implementation of turnstiles the management of admission fees has resurfaced and needs clarification. Staff are recommending the attached policy, which would require admissions for all individuals, except caregivers for the disabled and those who are here for a facility reservation or registered activity.

Coming out of the pandemic, the Laramie Community Recreation Center is working to improve customer service, quality of programming and facility conditions, and in order to restore the facility to an appropriate level of financial performance, we are also working to ensure appropriate charges for services.

Individuals who enter the facility for spectating have an impact on the facility for janitorial and staff services even if they aren't exercising. It is generally accepted practice that children under the age of 12 should have adult supervision. This is also a requirement of the Laramie Community Recreation Center and therefore it seems appropriate that admissions be charged for adults who have brought children to the facility as well as the children.

If approved, staff will implement appropriate signage and information for those individuals accessing the facility.

#### **Legal/Code/Statutory Authority:**

N/A

**Fiscal Information:**

N/A

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**Attachments:**

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