

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R- 132

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR COMMITMENT OF REVENUES, ESTABLISHING REVISED FEES FOR MARION COUNTY PARKS, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-R-568, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of the Marion County Code authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to establish fees for the use of Marion County parks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to revise its fee schedule for County Parks based upon levels of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. Commitment of Revenues. The revenues generated from park user fees, rentals, park pass sales, program registrations and concessions from said parks and recreation programs are committed by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners for parks and recreations purposes in the Parks & Recreation Fees fund.

SECTION 2. Discounting of Fees. The Parks & Recreation Director, with approval from the County Administrator, may reduce fees and provide discounts toward the cost of Park Passes, park entry fees and other fees for the purpose of marketing and promotion purposes.

SECTION 3. Reservations and Cancellations. The time period in which to reserve rental facilities and community centers and to cancel a reservation are as follows:

- A. Reservations are taken no more than one (1) year in advance.
- B. Cancellations:
 - 1. All reasonable accommodations will be made for cancellation requests, including the option to move a reservation or program registration to a different date. Refunds for cancellations will include all reservation fees and deposit, less the any administrative/convenience fees. Set forth below are the standards for cancellation requests:
 - 2. Cancellation request for facility reservations for pavilions and room rentals: at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled reservation.
 - 3. Cancellation requests for facility reservations at Kiwanis Beach at Albright Park and overnight facilities: at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled reservation.
 - 4. Cancellation requests for camp or program reservations: at least seven (7) days prior to the first day the camp or program starts.

SECTION 4. Additional Costs. Fees listed in this Resolution do not include applicable taxes, convenience fees or administrative fees.

SECTION 5. Fees. The Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the following fees and charges for the parks and amenities listed.

- A. Park Entry Fees. Parks in this category require a park entry fee.
 - 1. The payment of the park entry fee, or the presentation of an annual park pass, shall permit a vehicle, boat, trailer and up to eight (8) vehicle passengers to enter the park for a 24-hour period, excluding KP Hole. Any passengers in excess of (8) shall pay \$2 per person.
 - 2. Park entry fee to a park by other means: walk-in, bicycles (non-motorized vehicle), vessel or watercraft shall pay \$2 per person for use of that park, excluding KP Hole.

- B. Set forth below are specific park fees for the following parks:
 - 1. KP Hole Park:
 - a. Park daily entry fee: \$7 per person.
 - b. Tubing:
 - (1). Tubing package, including park entry fee, tube rental and return shuttle service: \$30 per person.
 - (2). Group tubing package of four (4) or more people, including park entry fee, tube rental and return shuttle service: \$25 per person.
 - c. Paddle craft rental downriver and return shuttle package:
 - (1). Single kayak: \$40
 - (2). Double kayak: \$50
 - (3). Canoe: \$50
 - (4). Paddleboard: \$50
 - d. Paddle craft rental upriver package:
 - (1). Single kayak: \$10 per hour
 - (2). Double kayak: \$12 per hour
 - (3). Canoe: \$10 per hour
 - (4). Paddleboard: \$12 per hour
 - e. Diver fee: \$20 per person
 - f. Vessel launch:
 - (1). Motorized vessel: \$20 per vessel
 - (2). Paddle craft: \$7 per person
 - g. Shuttle fee for personal paddle craft:
 - (1). Single kayak and one person return: \$20
 - (2). Double kayak and two person return: \$25
 - (3). Canoe and up to three person return: \$25
 - (4). Paddleboard and one person return: \$25
 - (5). Additional person return: \$10 per person
 - 2. Carney Island Recreation and Conservation Area: \$7 per vehicle.
 - 3. Moss Bluff North and Moss Bluff South: \$7 per vehicle.
 - 4. Ray Wayside Park: \$7 per vehicle.
 - 5. Gores Landing: \$7 per vehicle.
 - 6. Horseshoe Lake Park and Retreat: \$7 per vehicle.

7. Hope Boat Ramp at Sam Phillip's Park: Use by County Park Pass holders only.
- C. All other parks have no park entry fees.
- D. Group Rental Facilities. Set forth below are specific group rental fees for the following parks and facilities:
1. Hampton Beach: \$300 per day with \$100 per day damage deposit.
 2. Kiwanis Beach at Albright Park:
 - a. \$600 per day with \$250 damage deposit.
 - b. \$800 for two day with \$300 damage deposit.
 - c. \$1,000 for three day with \$350 damage deposit.
 3. Horseshoe Lake Park and Retreat Mess Hall: \$300 per day with \$250 damage deposit including entry for up to 10 vehicles.
- E. Overnight Facilities. Set forth below are specific overnight fees for the following parks:
1. Gores Landing: \$10 per night, per campsite in addition to applicable daily park entry fee. Campsites are limited to a maximum of two (2) tents per site.
 2. Horseshoe Lake Park and Retreat:
 - a. Refundable Damage deposits:
 - (1). \$200 per each cabin rental.
 - (2). \$300 for Mess Hall rental.
 - b. Cabins: \$125 per night for the first two nights and \$62.50 per each additional night (two-night minimum).
 - c. Bunk House: \$200 per night for the first two nights and \$100 per each additional night (two-night minimum).
 - d. Late Checkout Fee: \$30 per rental unit to extend occupancy from checkout time to park closure.
 3. All other parks do not offer overnight facilities.
- F. Community Centers.
1. For meetings, events and programs that are free and open to the public, the community center may be used at no charge pending availability.
 2. During non-business hours, all rentals also require Parks & Recreation staff to be present at a rate of \$25 per hour, minimum of three (3) hours.
 3. Community center users are responsible for set up, take down and clean up.
 4. All trash from rental must be disposed of off-site by the renting party.
 5. Refundable damage deposit for events \$100.
 6. Building capacity limits shall apply including all meeting rooms/spaces.
 7. If deemed necessary, groups shall be responsible for providing additional support services (i.e. additional restrooms) at their expense.
 8. Set forth below are rentals fees for the Sandhill Park - Forest Community Center:

- a. Large Meeting Room: \$100 per four (4) hour rental block period or \$180 per day.
 - b. Medium Meeting Room: \$50 per four (4) hour rental block period or \$90 per day.
 - c. Small Meeting Room: \$40 per four (4) hour rental block period or \$70 per day.
 - d. Clubs and non-profit organizations that host free classes and/or events or provide significant benefit to the community (food drives, school supply drives, etc.) are eligible to have their rental fees waived.
- G. Pavilions. Set forth below are pavilion rental fees applicable to all parks:
- 1. Pavilion rental fees do not include applicable park entry fees.
 - 2. Pavilions at Baseline Road Trailhead are rented for four-hour blocks.
 - 3. Mini Pavilion: \$35 per day or rental block period.
 - 4. Small Pavilion Rentals: \$40 per day or rental block period.
 - 5. Medium Pavilion: \$60 per day or rental block period.
 - 6. Large Pavilion: \$100 per day or rental block period.
 - 7. Extra Large Pavilion: \$150 per day or rental block period.
- H. Youth Group Camping. Youth groups may camp at county parks and facilities designated by the Parks & Recreation Director, or designee. Set forth below are youth group camping fees applicable to the appropriately designated parks:
- 1. Youth Group Camping: \$5 per night, per person.
 - 2. Youth Groups are responsible for providing support facilities required by their organization at their own cost.
 - 3. Fees may be waived by the Director if an approved service project is completed.

SECTION 6. Other Fees. For special events, programs and other combinations of arrangements where fees are not covered in this Resolution, the Director may set fees consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 7. Co-sponsorships. The Board of County Commissioners may choose to co-sponsor events that have significant public and governmental interest. Co-sponsorship will permit the discounting of facility fees for up to 50-percent (50%) to non-profit organizations. Such co-sponsorship shall be publicized in all event promotional materials.

- 1. Activities that are directly related to primary functions of government shall pay no more than the direct costs of the activity and may use the facility with no charge. Examples of this type of activity would include FDA food distribution, disaster relief, and public hearings.
- 2. Fees may be waived for special promotions or volunteer work days. Events that fees will not be discounted include: fundraising events, for profit events, and political or religious events.

SECTION 8. Park Passes. Park passes may be purchased to accommodate park visitors and businesses to enter and use parks accordingly. The purchase of a park pass does not guarantee admission to any park once said park has reached capacity.

1. One of the following approved documents must be provided to verify residency. A physical address must include a street address and not a PO Box address.
 - a. A valid driver's license with a physical address.
 - b. Marion County Florida Voter Information Card.
 - c. A current utility bill with the applicant's name and physical address.
 - d. A current property tax statement with a physical address.
2. Marion County residents may purchase an annual park pass for \$40 and shall be valid at all County parks excluding KP Hole.
 - a. Starting January 1, 2023, Marion County residents may purchase an annual park pass for \$45 and shall be valid at all County parks excluding KP Hole.
 - b. Starting January 1, 2024, Marion County residents may purchase an annual park pass for \$50 and shall be valid at all County parks excluding KP Hole.
3. Non-Marion County residents may purchase an annual park pass for \$75 and shall be valid at all County parks excluding KP Hole.
 - a. Starting January 1, 2023, Non-Marion County residents may purchase an annual park pass for \$85 and shall be valid at all County Parks excluding KP Hole.
 - b. Starting January 1, 2024, Non-Marion County residents may purchase an annual park pass for \$100 and shall be valid at all County Parks excluding KP Hole.
4. Marion County residents may purchase an annual individual KP Hole Park pass for \$40.
5. Marion County residents may purchase an annual family KP Hole Park pass for \$55 and shall be valid for up to four (4) family members residing in the same household. A \$7 fee for each additional family members residing in the same household will be charged.
6. Employees of the Marion County Board of County Commission are eligible to receive an annual park pass with a 50-percent (50%) discount each year. Replacement during the discounted year shall be at full price. Employees must provide an actual Employee Identification Card and the transaction must be at the Parks & Recreation main office.
7. Employees of the Marion County Board of County Commission who retire after completing 25 years of service with Marion County are eligible to receive one (1) complimentary lifetime park pass.
8. Businesses requesting to use county owned and/or managed parks for commercial business must obtain a Commercial Use Park Pass. Commercial Park Passes are only available at the Parks and Recreation main office. Fees vary depending on the requested use.
9. Individuals who are 100-percent (100%) disabled are eligible to receive one (1) complimentary lifetime park pass. Disability is determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or by disability award letter.

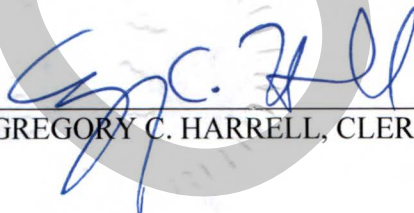
10. Active duty military personnel are eligible to receive one complementary annual park pass. Active duty military status is determined by presentation of a military issued identification card stating active military duty.
11. Individuals who are Combat Wounded Veterans (Purple Heart Recipients) are eligible to receive one (1) complimentary lifetime Purple Heart park pass. Purple Heart recipients must provide copy of DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty for verification.
12. Current members of the United States Armed Forces (including their reserve components or the National Guard), honorably discharged veterans, honorably discharged veterans who have a service connected disability as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the surviving spouse and parents of a deceased member of the military who died in the line of duty under combat, and the surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement officer (as defined in Ch. 943.10(1) FS), a firefighter (as defined in Ch. 633.102 Florida Statutes), or an emergency medical technician or paramedic who died in the line of duty are eligible for a 25-percent (25%) discount on Marion County resident park pass. Discounts may be received only for passes sold at the Parks & Recreation main office. Honorably discharged personnel must provide copy of DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty for verification.

SECTION 9. Repeal. Resolution No. 18-R-568 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on the date adopted.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session this 5th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:



GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA



CARL ZALAK III, CHAIRMAN