



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: March 23, 2021

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4/5 Vote Required

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Authorizing A New Fee For Document Copying, A County Resident Discount For Community  
Engagement Programs, And Increased Fees For Peak Season Camping And Non-Peak Season  
Camping.**

**Whereas**, the County of Sonoma owns and operates fifty six Regional Parks, trails and other facilities; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to California Constitution, Article XI, section 7, California Constitution, Art. XIII C, Section 1(e)(4), Government Code section 6253(b) and Sonoma County Code section 20-24, the County of Sonoma may charge fees to for the entrance and use of County parks, and to recover the reasonable cost of service provided to the fee payor for maintaining the parks and providing government services;

**Whereas**, in fiscal year 2019-20 the Regional Parks Department generated \$6.9M in revenues and \$21M in expenditures with a General Fund subsidy of \$4.7M and Transit and Occupancy Tax of \$2.7M to operate and maintain the County's park system, excluding the Marinas and Spring Lake Park; and

**Whereas**, the fee revenue generated for the provision of these services does not fully recover the cost to provide those services to the fee payors, however, the fee revenue offsets expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the County's park system; and

**Whereas**, a comparison of Regional Parks revenue, expenditures, and the General Fund subsidy in the last fiscal year indicates that the additional revenues to be collected from the adjusted fees will be less than the cost to the County of funding the Regional Parks programs;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that to recover the reasonable cost of providing certain parks services, it is necessary to increase certain fees and establish certain new fees as

set forth below:

Type	Fee Description	Current	New
New	Document Copy Fee	N/A	\$0.10
New	Resident Discount for Community Programming	N/A	-\$2.00
Increase	Camping – Peak Season – Regular	\$35.00	\$37.00
Increase	Camping – Peak Season – Resident	\$33.00	\$35.00
Increase	Camping – Peak Season – Access	\$31.00	\$33.00
Increase	Camping – Non-Peak Season-Regular	\$32.00	\$35.00
Increase	Camping – Non-Peak Season-Resident	\$30.00	\$33.00
Increase	Camping – Non-Peak Season - Regular	\$28.00	\$31.00

**Be It Further Resolved** based on information presented to this Board, this Board finds that the proposed fees comply with all legal requirements, including Art. XIII C of the California Constitution.

**Be It Further Resolved** that in all other respects, previously established fees for the Regional Parks Department not modified by this resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

**Be It Further Resolved** that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution

**Be It Further Resolved** that pursuant to state law and Section 20-24 of the Code of the County of Sonoma, the Director of Regional Parks shall be authorized to increase fees for Peak Season Camping and Non-Peak Season Camping, offer a County Resident Discount for Community Engagement Programs and in response to California Public Records Act requests, charge 10 cents per page to recover the direct costs to duplicate copies of public records. . The proposed fee adjustments are hereby authorized to become effective on July 1, 2021, and shall supersede rates and policies presently in effect, and shall be incorporated into the schedule of all rates and fees charged for the use of Sonoma County’s park facilities.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Director of Regional Parks is hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as necessary to implement and charge the adjusted fees adopted herein.

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**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**