



Parks and Recreation Department
City of Bellingham

MEMORANDUM

To: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

From: Melissa Bianconi, Recreation Manager; Steve Janiszewski, Park Operations Manager; Caryn Regimbal, Administrative Coordinator

Subject: Parks & Recreation Facility Use Fee Changes

Date: November 8, 2024

Bellingham Municipal Code 80.40.030 (c) provides for City Council to establish Parks & Recreation Facility Fees by resolution.

To create this draft updated fee proposal, staff evaluated fees, researched the facility rates and structures of cities of similar size to Bellingham and the local market through evaluating amenities and capacities. Other considerations include impact on park users, local demand, reservation time and duration, as well as increasing costs in staff salaries and processing fees.

Key recommended changes for park facilities include increasing the facility fees at Arne Hanna; adjusting fees at select park facilities to align fees with the facility amenities; and increasing Lake Padden Golf Course fees.