

City of St. Helens
ORDINANCE NO. 3240

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ST. HELENS MUNICIPAL
CODE CHAPTER 13 TO DEFINE THE ST. HELENS
COMMUNITY RECREATION AND PARKS FEE

WHEREAS, St. Helens Municipal Code Chapter 13 regarding public services should include a new section called Community Recreation and Parks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that maintaining a recreation program is in the best interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that application of a community parks and recreation service fee on all utility accounts for users of city utilities would adequately support the recreation and parks ongoing expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS, OREGON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 13.06
St. Helens Community Recreation and Parks Fee

Sections:

- 13.06.010** **Definitions.**
- 13.06.020** **St. Helens Community Recreation and Parks Fee.**
- 13.06.030** **Rate.**
- 13.06.040** **Uses of revenue.**

13.06.010 **Definitions.**

(1) "St. Helens Community Recreation and Parks fee" or "fee" means the charge placed on all residential dwelling units or equivalent dwelling units for the purposes of funding expenses related to the City of St. Helens Recreation Program and Parks Department and future feasibility studies related to combining the Parks Department with the Recreation Program and reviewing potential funding opportunities.

(2) "Dwelling unit (DU)" is defined by Title 17 of the St. Helens Municipal Code.

(3) "Equivalent dwelling unit" means a nonresidential unit which is deemed equivalent to a dwelling unit as provided herein.

13.06.020 **St. Helens Community Recreation and Parks Fee.**

(1) There is imposed on all users of city utilities a charge known as the St. Helens Community Recreation and Parks fee. The fee is imposed by the city monthly on all utility accounts connected to city utilities.

(2) The fee is to be set at a uniform rate and applied to each individual dwelling unit or equivalent dwelling unit for that account. The community recreation service fee is independent

of and in addition to existing fees and charges imposed as part of the standard utility rates for city accounts.

(3) The fee will be included with the utility bill as a separate and distinct charge and listed on the bill as the St. Helens Community Recreation and Parks fee. The fee is due and payable at the same time and in the same manner and method as the utility bill and associated charges, as provided for under SHMC 13.02.060.

13.06.030 Rate.

(1) The rate for the fee is to be set by a duly adopted resolution, passed by City Council following a public forum and opportunity for public comments and testimony consistent with SHMC 13.02.040.

(2) The City Council may further revise the amount of the fee imposed in the manner set forth under Chapter 13.02 SHMC. The City Council shall review the amount of the fee annually prior to the adoption of the annual budget.

13.06.040 Uses of revenue.

All revenues generated by the fee will be used for city recreation and parks programs.

Read the first time: June 5, 2019
Read the second time: June 19, 2019

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this 19th day of June, 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Morten, Topaz, Scholl
Nays: None


Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder