

City of St. Helens  
**RESOLUTION NO. 1860**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMMUNITY RECREATION AND PARKS FEE

**WHEREAS**, The City of St. Helens has created a partnership with the St. Helens School District to create a Recreation Program in the community that benefits community members and encourages physical activity for kids and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that it is in the public's interest to continue building onto a successful beginning stages of the Recreation Program and is interested in looking at more long-term funding opportunities to see continued growth and benefits throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the City Council and School District Board's goal to create a sustainable program that can continue to build and become more engrained into the community offering opportunities for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and School District Board want to continue to grow a partnership moving the City of St. Helens forward that would include the City and School District sharing classes, fields, and amenities to bring more efficiency and cost effectiveness to the community and better utilize resources that are available through each organization; and

**WHEREAS**, a potential long term funding solution is the creation of a Parks and Recreation District that the City and School District would like to continue to research and determine if that is the best course of moving forward; and

**WHEREAS**, a supplemental funding opportunity in the interim and planning stages is a Community Recreation and Parks Fee placed onto monthly utility bills for a two year period after implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has held numerous public forum events to hear public feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, funds raised through this fee will provide support for the recreation and parks programs as well as research for creation of a separate taxing district for support and sustainability of St. Helens Recreation, Parks, and St. Helens School Partnership facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, proportionate percentages of funds to recreation, parks, and research will be determined by City Council based on budgeted projections from the Finance Director; and

**WHEREAS**, this Community Recreation and Parks Fee will be scheduled to begin on January 1 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, this Community Recreation and Parks Fee is scheduled to end on December 31, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Fees and charges.**

<u>FEE TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FEE BASE</u>
Community Rec & Parks	\$2.00	per EDU

**Approved and adopted** by the City Council on August 7, 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Morten, Topaz, Scholl

Nays: None

  
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Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Payne, City Recorder