

Houston Parks and Recreation Department

Proposed Fee Increases & New Fees for Sports Fields

Presented to
Quality of Life Committee
March 29, 2017



Mayor Sylvester Turner



Four Part Fee Schedule Updates:

1. *Golf, Tennis and Lake Houston Wilderness Park*
 - *Presented to Quality of Life Committee on September 28, 2016*
2. *Park Use and Community Centers Fees*
 - *Picnics, birthday parties & other gatherings*
 - *Presented to Quality of Life Committee on October 26, 2016*
3. *Special Events Park Use Fees*
 - *Through Mayor's Office of Special Events*
 - *Presented to Quality of Life Committee on November 16, 2016*
4. **Sport Fields Fees**
 - ***Presenting to Quality of Life Committee on March 29, 2017***

Why are we doing this?

- Improve cost recovery
 - Improve level of service
 - Improve park space conditions
- Fee schedule was last reviewed and updated in 1994
- Fee schedule has only had minor annual increases by Consumer Price Index since 2012
- Simplify fee schedule
- Place more fiscal responsibility on private, for-profit leagues
- Manage supply and demand for sports fields
- Align with other municipalities state wide

Sport Fields Use Annual Permits and Revenue Parks Special Revenue Fund 2100

User	FY15 Permits	FY15 Revenue	FY16 Permits	FY16 Revenue	Projected Revenue Increase
Sports Fields	2,356	\$433,719	2,270	\$462,140	\$1,016,708

Texas Market Comparison: Sport Fields Permit Fees

City	Unlighted (per hr)	Lighted (per hr)	Deposit
Austin	\$100 -150 daily	\$50 add'l daily	\$0
Baytown	\$10	\$20	\$0
Bellaire	N/A	\$25	\$0
Conroe	\$15	\$25 + \$15 hr.	\$50
Dallas	\$25	\$50	\$0
Forth Worth	\$20	\$30	\$0
Katy	\$20	\$25	\$100
Missouri City	\$15	\$20	\$50
Houston - Current	\$7	\$11	\$100-\$250

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Sport Fields Categories

COMPETITIVE (Level 1): This type of field is a game only field and has controlled access, lighting, irrigation system, and bleacher capacity. Limited use, and field access is by permit only. Mowing and trimming are scheduled for once to twice per week.

RECREATIONAL (Level 2): This type of field may have controlled access, lighting, and irrigation. There is bleacher capacity, use is limited, and the field may be accessed when it is not permitted. **Mowing and trimming is once per week.**

PRACTICE (Level 3): This type of field is limited to existing amenities. Field inspections are done monthly; litter is removed every three days. Mowing and trimming is on the current Parks Department schedule which is every 21 days.

Sport Fields Permit Use

Competitive Field – Proposed Fee Schedule

FIELD CATEGORY	Youth & Non-Profit CURRENT	Youth & Non-Profit PROPOSED	Adult & Commercial For Profit CURRENT	Adult & Commercial For Profit PROPOSED
COMPETITIVE FIELD:				
Baseball/Softball Ballfield Unlighted	\$6.71	\$12 per hour	\$13.41	\$30 per hour
Football/Soccer/Rugby Ballfield Unlighted	\$6.71		\$11.18	
Baseball/Softball Ballfield Lighted	\$11.18	\$20 per hour	\$22.36	\$50 per hour
Football/Soccer/Rugby Ballfield Lighted	\$11.18		\$17.88	

Rates are per hour.

Minimum 2 hour rental is required Monday through Friday;

Minimum 4 hours rental is required Saturday and Sunday.

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Recreational Field – Proposed Fee Schedule

FIELD CATEGORY	Youth & Non-Profit CURRENT	Youth & Non-Profit PROPOSED	Adult & Commercial For Profit CURRENT	Adult & Commercial For Profit PROPOSED
RECREATIONAL FIELD:				
All Sports Fields	\$4.46	\$8 per hour	\$8.85	\$20 per hour
All Sports Fields (if lighted)	\$8.94	\$16 per hour	\$13.41	\$40 per hour

Rates are per hour.

Minimum 2 hour rental is required Monday through Friday;

Minimum 4 hours rental is required Saturday and Sunday.

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Practice Field – Proposed Fee Schedule

FIELD CATEGORY	Youth & Non-Profit CURRENT	Youth & Non-Profit PROPOSED	Adult & Commercial For Profit CURRENT	Adult & Commercial For Profit PROPOSED
PRACTICE FIELD:				
All Sports Fields	\$2.23	\$4 per hour	\$6.71	\$18 per hour
All Sports Fields (if lighted)	\$6.71	\$12 per hour	\$11.18	\$30 per hour

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Katy	\$20	\$25	\$100
Missouri City	\$15	\$20	\$50
Houston - Current	\$7	\$11	\$100-\$250
Houston - Proposed	\$15	\$28	\$100-\$250

Sport Fields Permit Use Field Set Up (Optional)- Proposed New Fee

SPORTS FIELD TYPE	PROPOSED
Competitive Field for Baseball Weekend/Tournament (3 hr. minimum)	\$60 per hour with a 3 hr. minimum
Competitive Field for Softball Weekend/Tournament (3 hr. minimum)	\$40 per hour with 3 hr. minimum
Soccer/Flag Football/LaCrosse Field; New Set-Up Field Lining	\$150
Soccer/Flag Football/LaCrosse Field; Per Relining	\$40
Tackle Football Field; Initial Set-Up	\$200
Tackle Football Field; Per Relining	\$75

Thank you!



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