

PARK FEE POLICY

Purpose

The City of Newport Beach maintains an extensive park and open space system. The acquisition and development of our park and open space properties is funded, in part, through the payment of park fees paid by persons or entities who subdivide properties. The Subdivision Map Act requires park fees to be used only for the purpose of developing new or rehabilitating existing neighborhood or community park or recreational facilities to serve the subdivision that paid the fees. The City is required to develop a schedule specifying how, when and where the park fees will be used. The purpose of this Policy is to establish the criteria to be used in deciding which facilities serve subdivision residents and schedule whereby park fees are properly and timely committed to appropriate projects. This policy also identifies which parks serve as citywide resources.

Policy

A. Service Criteria.

The Recreation and Open Space Element of the General Plan states that community parks and view parks serve the entire City. Community parks are those with improvements such as community buildings, parking, swimming, facilities for picnicking, active sports and other facilities that serve a larger population. View parks serve as citywide resources because of their unusual beauty and view opportunities. Neighborhood parks serve all ages and include unique recreational facilities, such as basketball courts, tennis courts, turf areas, active sports fields, community buildings, unique play areas. Accordingly, park fees generated by any subdivision within the City may be used to develop new or rehabilitate existing community parks, view parks, and those neighborhood parks listed on Exhibit A.

The Recreation and Open Space Element divides the City into 12 service areas consisting of relatively discrete residential communities. These service areas were created for the purpose of determining whether particular geographical areas were deficient in terms of park and recreational facilities and to identify acquisitions or improvements which would provide residents with greater recreational opportunities. Accordingly, park fees generated by a subdivision within any service area may be used to create new, or rehabilitate, existing park or recreational facilities within that service area and as provided in the Recreation and Open Space Element.

B. Implementation Schedule.

Park fees shall be placed in the Facilities Financial Planning Reserve Fund immediately upon receipt with a special designation as Park Fees. These funds, after special designation, shall be used solely for the acquisition or establishment of new, or the rehabilitation of existing, park, open space and recreational facilities. The park fees shall also be placed on a schedule that lists the location of the subdivision, the fees paid, the date on which the fees were paid or the date on which building permits had been issued for 1/2 of the lots created by the subdivision (whichever occurs later), the service area within which the subdivision is located, the neighborhood park, recreation and open space facilities eligible for park fees generated by that subdivision, and the date on which the park fees must be committed to specific project of improvements. The park fees shall be used only for the park and recreation facilities identified on Attachment A and shall be utilized in accordance with the policies and standards specified in the General Plan. Designations for expenditures will be made as part of the annual budget adoption.

[Attachment - Exhibit A]

History

Adopted I-3 – 9-20-1960 (“Park Standards”)

Amended I-3 – 8-30-1966

Amended I-3 – 11-12-1968

Amended I-3 – 3-9-1970

Amended I-3 – 2-14-1972

Amended I-3 – 12-10-1973

Amended I-3 – 2-25-1974

Amended I-3 – 5-9-1977

Amended I-3 – 6-13-1977

Adopted I-1 – 6-27-1994 (“Park Fee Policy”)

Amended I-1 – 4-23-2002

Amended I-1 – 4-8-2003 (changed to B-1)

Amended B-1 – 4-13-2004

Amended B-1 – 9-13-2005

Amended B-1 – 8-11-2009

Amended B-1 – 5-14-2013

Amended B-1 – 5-12-2015

Amended B-1 – 8-8-2017

Amended B-1 – 11-14-2023

EXHIBIT A

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PARKS GUIDE

The following view parks serve as citywide resources by reason of their unusual beauty and the view provided.

Back Bay View Park
 Bayview Park
 Begonia Park
 Canyon Watch
 Castaways Park
 Channel Place Park
 Civic Center Park
 Cliff Drive Park
 Corona del Mar State Beach Park
 Galaxy View Park
 Harbor Watch
 Inspiration Point
 Irvine Terrace Park
 Jasmine View Park
 John Wayne Park
 Kings Road Park
 Lido Park
 Lookout Point
 Los Trancos (lower, middle, upper)
 Newport Island Park
 Peninsula Park
 Rhine Wharf Park
 Sunset View Park
 West Jetty View Park
 Westcliff Park

The following Community and Neighborhood Parks serve as citywide resources by reason of the unique recreational opportunities they offer:

38th Street Park - Basketball courts and playground;

Arroyo Park - Lighted multi-purpose field, basketball court, picnic areas and playground;

Big Canyon Nature Park - Hiking trails;

Bob Henry Park – Multipurpose field, ball diamond, playground, picnic areas;

Bonita Canyon Sports Park - Four youth baseball fields, one multi-purpose field, one soccer field, tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball court, two playgrounds and connecting trail to Arroyo Park;

Bonita Creek Park and Community Center - Batting cages, playground, lighted multi-purpose fields, and basketball court;

Buck Gully- Hiking trails;

Buffalo Hills Park - Basketball court, baseball/softball diamond, volleyball court, multi-purpose fields;

Carroll Beek Community Center and Balboa Island Park - Basketball court, tot playground and community center;

Civic Center Park – Scenic view, dog park, art sculptures, cactus garden, civic green, walking trails, and community room;

Coastal Peak Park – Two multi-purpose fields, playground, two picnic pavilions, batting cages and basketball court;

Community Youth Center and Grant Howald Park - Basketball court, tennis courts, playground, community center, lighted multi-purpose field;

Eastbluff Park - Baseball diamond, multi-purpose field, playground, and view of the Back Bay;

Harbor View Nature Park - Natural vegetation area;

Lincoln Athletic Center - Lighted baseball and multi-purpose fields;

Marina Park – Community center, four sailing centers, picnic area, playground, basketball courts and fitness course;

Mariners Park – Multi-purpose room, baseball/softball facilities, racquetball courts, lighted tennis courts, multi-purpose fields, and playground area;

Newport Aquatic Center - Rowing, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding facility;

Newport Coast Community Center – Gymnasium, multi-purpose facility with classrooms and outdoor pickleball courts;

Newport Theater Arts Center – Ninety seat community theater;

North Star Beach – Public hand launch facility;

OASIS Senior Center - Multi-purpose senior facility with classrooms, large multi-purpose room, and fitness center;

Peninsula Park and Newport Junior Guard Center - Beach sited multi-purpose field, playground, community center, picnic and barbecue facilities, multi-purpose field and gazebo;

San Joaquin Hills Park - Tennis courts, pétanque courts, lawn bowling facility;

San Miguel Park - Ball diamond, athletic field, four racquetball courts, basketball court and playground;

Sunset Ridge Park – Baseball field, soccer fields, butterfly garden, scenic view and playground;

West Newport Community Center - Gymnasium; and

West Newport Park - Tennis courts, racquetball courts, basketball court, and three playgrounds.