

RESOLUTION NO. 16-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
EL PASO DE ROBLES SETTING FIELD RENTAL RATES  
FOR CITY-OWNED SPORTS FIELDS

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WHEREAS, a 2005 cost-of-services study computed full-cost recovery for use of City sports fields at \$16 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the City has historically subsidized a significant portion of both youth and adult use of City-owned sports fields, currently charging \$6 per hour of field use for adult sports groups and \$3 per hour for youth club teams; and

WHEREAS, Youth Sports Council member teams are charged \$1.67 per hour for up to 6,000 annual hours; hours exceeding the 6,000 cap are charged at \$3 each. This reduced rate takes into account the significant volunteer efforts by PRYSC for such tasks as clean-up days at Barney Schwartz Park and the creation of a new playing field at Sherwood Park; and

WHEREAS, adult and youth tournaments are currently charged on a percentage basis, reflecting the reported number of teams participating. On average, tournament organizers pay about \$5 per hour for use of City fields under this system; and

WHEREAS, watering playing fields is one of the costliest aspects of field maintenance for the City. In 2005, water rates were \$1.21 per hundred cubic feet plus a monthly base charge of \$6. The current water rate is \$4.40 per HCF, thus, the \$16 per hour figure set in 2005 no longer provides full-cost recovery to the City. This rate is more appropriately viewed as a baseline figure in light of the cooperation of adult leagues in striping soccer fields, prepping softball fields and conducting their own programs; and

WHEREAS, on an individual basis, the impact of an increase from \$6 to \$16 for adult leagues is minimal: at \$6 per hour, an adult softball player on a 15-person team playing an 80-minute game pays 27 cents per game. Should adult fees increase to the \$16 per hour fee recommended 11 years ago, one player would pay about 70 cents per game; and

WHEREAS, capturing a more reasonable level of revenue from adult sports participants will enable the City to continue to offer greatly reduced rates for youth programs, taking into account the City's desire to support recreational experiences for youngsters and acknowledging a greater financial need for young families seeking healthy activities for their children; and

WHEREAS, field rental fees in neighboring central coast areas are significantly higher than fees in the City of Paso Robles. Additionally, users in neighboring communities pay a separate fee for use of field lights for night games, but Paso Robles user groups do not pay a fee for use of lights

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, field rental fee rates for non-tournament play as of January 1, 2017 shall be as follows, with the option to re-calculate true full-cost recover for annual fiscal year fee increases:

1. \$2.00 per hour for Youth Sports Council member teams with no cap on annual hours of use.
2. \$3.00 per hour for youth club teams.
3. \$12 per hour for adult sports teams, increasing to \$16 per hour on January 1, 2018.

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles this 18<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2016,  
by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gregory, Hamon, Strong, Reed, Martin

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Steven W. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kristen L. Buxkemper, Deputy City Clerk