



Memorandum

Date: 6/9/2026
Meeting of: City Council Study Session

File No. SS 26-057
Type: Study Session

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:
Park Impact Fee Schedule Update

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Park impact fees are one-time charges collected by the City from new commercial and residential developments to fund park facilities needed to support growth. These fees are authorized under RMC 3.10. Last evaluated in 2017, the current fee methodology now requires an update to ensure it aligns with the 2023 PARCC Plan and anticipated growth. To support this comprehensive update, City staff are working with the consultant FCS Group to analyze existing park assets, the Parks CIP, and projected future needs. Staff and FCS Group will present an overview of the different park impact fee schedule options and seek feedback on which options meet the City and Park system’s needs.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information **Provide Direction** **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
2023 Park, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation (PARCC) Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
Parks last updated impact fees in 2017 and the existing methodology must be re-evaluated to ensure it remains consistent with best practice, anticipated growth patterns, and park system usage.

OUTCOMES:

Impact fees are one-time charges collected when development occurs. Park impact fees specifically support public parks and help expand the park system to keep pace with the City’s growing population. By updating the Park impact fee rates, the fees collected will better align with the City’s current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects and our updated population growth projections. This ensures that new development contributes its fair share toward park facilities and amenities needed to serve both current and future residents.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission Meeting, May 7th, 2026
Parks will present with Fire to One Redmond and the Master Builders Association in early summer, 2026.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
FCS presented to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission to summarize findings and calculation methods on May 7, 2026 and receive feedback and input from the commission.
- **Feedback Summary:**
Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission provided feedback on the proposed options, noting the importance of balancing impact fee levels so that they adequately support the park system without becoming so high that they discourage density, affordable housing or middle housing.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
\$79,890

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number:
0000271

Budget Priority:
Healthy and Sustainable

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):
General Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/28/2025	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Provide Direction
11/3/2025	Special Meeting	Approve
4/28/2026	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
9/22/2026	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If Park Impact Fees are not updated, the City will continue to rely on outdated information, cost estimates, and methodology. The fees collected will no longer reflect the true cost of expanding the park system to serve new growth. This could lead to a significant loss of potential revenue, which leaves the City without the funding needed to build, improve, or expand park facilities that support the growing population.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Parks Impact Fee Memo

Attachment B: Impact Fee Study Session Presentation Slides

Attachment C: Impact Fee Supplemental Slides