SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Parks and Recreation; establishing the 2026 fee schedule for the use of park properties and other park and recreation facilities and services; and superseding previous park and recreation fee schedules.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: Seattle Parks & Recreation (SPR) charges programming and usage fees to provide financial support for SPR programs, facilities, and park grounds. The 2026 SPR Fee Schedule transmitted by this legislation includes several administrative changes and updates to certain sections of the fee schedule; amends the current Use Permit fee for events that restrict public access to include a tier for events at stadiums; and makes a correction to the Revocable Use Permit fees that were approved in the 2025 Adopted and 2026 Endorsed Budget but inadvertently omitted from the 2025 Fees and Charges legislation. The budget was adjusted last year to account for the additional fee revenues, and this legislation makes the intended fee adjustments. None of the changes included in this legislation result in adjustments to SPR's 2026 baseline revenues from the fees and charges approved in the 2025 Adopted and 2026 Endorsed Budget**.** Specific changes are as follows:

- Removes 2025 fees in all applicable sections.
- Includes various administrative changes (fonts, spacing, spelling, updating page numbers, updated telephone numbers and facility information in the appendices, etc.).
- Updates the name of the Jefferson Golf Course to Bill Wright Golf Complex throughout.
- Updates the outdated names of the "Telephone Reservation Card" for indoor and outdoor courts to "Indoor Tennis Court Reservation Pass" and "Outdoor Tennis Court Reservation Pass" respectively.
- Updates several Swimming Pool fee descriptions:
    - Fitness Fees: updates fitness class names for clarification.
    - Staff Fees: updates staff fees to include 'lifeguard staff fees' for clarification.
    - Swimming Instruction: removes "Guard Start" program from swimming instruction fees as program is outdated.
    - Special Use Fees: removes a duplicated word in special use fees and removes an outdated footnote.
- Adds fee tiers within Use Permits for ticketed events to recognize the varying capacity limitations of outdoor stadiums versus outdoor park sites (i.e. outdoor park sites may be able to accommodate upwards of 10,000 whereas stadiums typically range from `1,000-3,000 depending on size and other concurrent uses). Note this change is not expected to have material impacts on revenues given the small number of ticketed events annually.
- Updates Revocable Use Permits (RUP) to include fee changes approved in the 2025 Adopted and 2026 Endorsed Budget. The RUP rates were last updated in 2017, and the

2025 budget increased fees to better reflect much higher staff costs from wage inflation since that time and to be more aligned with actual costs incurred.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

This legislation is not adjusting the 2026 baseline revenues from fees and charges approved in the 2025 Adopted and 2026 Endorsed Budget estimated at approximately $41M (including Golf).

3.a. Appropriations

☐ **This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.**

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

☒ **This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.**

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from This Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2026 Estimated Revenue
Park Fund/10200	SPR	Fees and Charges	$41,200,000
		TOTAL	**$41,200,000**

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes: This legislation is not adjusting the 2026 baseline revenues from fees and charges approved in the 2025 Adopted and 2026 Endorsed Budget.

3.c. Positions

☐ **This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.**

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.
No.

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.
N/A

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.
The legislation is required to allow the department to collect program and facility fees in order to generate the revenues necessary to support a portion of Park Fund expenses. Without authority to collect this revenue, services would need to be reduced.

Please describe how this legislation may affect any City departments other than the originating department.
This legislation does not directly affect any other department.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
   No.

b. **Is publication of notice with The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times required for this legislation?**
   No.

c. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
   No.

d. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**

   i. **How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**
   An approach for all park programs and facilities has been developed that ranges from free (high community value) to varying recoveries of costs (high personal value). Social equity is built into that pricing to ensure that there is access to a range of programs and activities. SPR also prioritizes Park District-funded recreational scholarships that supplement fee pricing across facilities.

   ii. **Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**
   N/A

iii. **What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**
SPR works with several vendors or contractors who provide translation services across the department's services and programs. The department prioritizes Language Access efforts and communicates best practices and resources to key staff in the department including program staff who work with the public on fees and registration activities.

e. Climate Change Implications

i. **Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**
This legislation does not have impacts on carbon emissions.

ii. **Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**
This legislation does not have impacts on climate resiliency.

f. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?
N/A

g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?
No.

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments:
Summary Attachment 1 – Proposed Changes in 2026 Fee Schedule