

ORDINANCE NO.: 2013-046

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina,
Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5 User fees*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 18th day of June, 2013, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5 User fees is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-1. Prohibited acts in parks.

It shall be unlawful for any person using the public parks, recreation areas, grounds or facilities of the city (referred to in this chapter as parks) to either perform or allow the performance of any of the following acts, unless such activity is authorized, permitted or supervised by the parks and recreation department of the city:

- (1) Damaging property. Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or displace or remove any buildings, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.
- (2) Pollution of waters. Throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, bay or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such waters any substance, matter or things, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of such waters.
- (3) Removing soil or plants. Dig or remove any soil, rock, stones, trees, shrubs or plants, down-timber or other wood or materials, or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means, except that digging shall be permitted in areas designated for such purpose.
- (4) Damaging plants. Damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant, or injure the bark or pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant, nor shall any person attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant. A person shall not dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.
- (5) Littering. Bring in or dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse or other litter, or place refuse or litter in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or anywhere on the grounds thereof, other than in the proper receptacles, where provided.
- (6) Interference with others. Endanger the safety of any person by any conduct or act, or prevent any person from using any park or any of its facilities, or interfere with such use in compliance with this chapter and with the rules applicable to such use.
- (7) Fires. Build or attempt to build a fire, except at places specifically designated for such purpose or as permitted by the department of parks and recreation. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper or other inflammable material within any park area or on any highway, road or street abutting or contiguous thereto.
- (8) Alcoholic beverages. Possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages, beer or wine; provided, however, alcoholic beverages, beer or wine, shall be allowed in Capital City Ball Park, Riverfront Park, Keenan House, Finlay Park, the Print Building next to the Eau Claire Town Hall, Drew Wellness Center, and Boyd Plaza, Coble Plaza as follows:
 - a. At events open to the public when possession and consumption is specifically authorized by resolution of Columbia City Council and the event organizer obtains a permit or license if required by the South Carolina Department of Revenue for the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer or wine at the event; or
 - b. At private functions, authorized by the city, for which the South Carolina Department of Revenue does not require a permit or license for the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer or wine.
- (9) Fireworks. Possess, explode, discharge or ignite fireworks of any kind, unless specifically permitted by the department of parks and recreation and the fire marshal.

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(10) Parking in unauthorized area. Park or leave automobiles, trucks, bicycles, unicycles, tricycles, scooters, mopeds, motorcycles, motorbikes, motorized carts or other motorized vehicles in places other than those specifically designated for such purpose.

(11) Vending or peddling. Vend, sell, peddle or offer for sale any commodity or article, except sales conducted by or specifically permitted by the department of parks and recreation.

(12) Violation of rules and regulations of parks and recreation department. Violate any rule or regulation promulgated by the parks and recreation department of the city.

(13) Improper use of park equipment and furniture. It shall be unlawful for any person to recline upon any seat, table, bench, or in any location not intended for occupancy.

Sec. 15-5. - User fees.

(a) *Definitions.*

Fee structure for parks and recreation is broken into four categories:

- (1) Rentals (facilities, equipment).
- (2) Event support fees.
- (3) Athletics.
- (4) Classes/camps/programs.

Rentals are classified into three groups and fees are assessed accordingly:

- (1) *Gated/admission* (admission charged and/or controlled access)—Rental fees, deposit plus support fees.
- (2) *Public* (no controlled access or admission fees)—Rental fees, support fees, plus deposit.
- (3) *Non-profit/exempt*— Rental fees, support fees plus security deposit.

Examples: American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts, Richland County School District 1

(b) *Park rental fee schedule.* Gated/admission rates for facility or park rentals will apply to events which require an admission fee to the park and/or fencing around a park to control access. (Fencing will be paid for by the renter). Rates will be set in a six-hour time block.

(c) *Fee Waiver.* The City Manager or his/her designee is authorized to waive any and all fees associated with the use of City owned facilities. Such waivers are limited to organizations with a direct affiliation to the City of Columbia (i.e. Columbia Council of Neighborhoods, Parks and Recreation Foundation, City Development Corporations) and whose activity benefits the expressed mission of the city and is determined to be for the public good.

(d) *Parks.*

- (1) *Finlay Park and Coble Plaza*

	Fee
Gated/admission (admission charged and/or controlled access, required approval by city council or their designee) (more than 2 additional hrs. requires second block of time)	\$1,000/6hr. block \$250/each add. Hr. + \$350/deposit + support fees + set up/take down
Public (no controlled access or admission fees)	\$120/hr. + support fees
City holidays	\$150/hr. + support fees
Deposit	\$350
Non-profit* (*proof of non-profit status required)	\$350 deposit + \$75/hr. + support fees
Setup/takedown (nonevent time)	\$100/hr.

(2) *Primary parks:* Boyd Plaza, Earlewood Amphitheater, Hyatt, M. L. King, Maxcy Gregg, Memorial, Owens Field, and Riverfront.

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	Fee
Gated/admission (admission charged and/or controlled access, required approval by city council or their designee) (more than 2 additional hrs. requires second block of time)	\$700/6 hr. block + \$150/each add. Hr. + \$200/deposit + support fees + set up and take down
Public (no controlled access or admission fees) (outside grounds only)	\$100/hr. + support fees
City holidays	\$150/hr. + support fees
Deposit	\$250
Non-profit* (*proof of non-profit status required)	\$250 deposit + 75/hr. + support fees
Setup/takedown (nonevent time)	\$75/hr.

(3) *Secondary parks:* Bates, Earlewood, Drew Park Green Space, Granby, Greenview, Hampton, Lincoln, Lorick, Marshall, Pacific, Pinehurst, Realtors, Rosewood, St. Anna's, Tyler, Valencia, and Woodland.

	Fee
Gated/admission (admission charged and/or controlled access)	Not available
Public (no controlled access or admission fees) (outside grounds only)	\$50/hr. + support fees
City holidays	\$60/hr. + support fees
Deposit	\$120
Non-profit* (*proof of non-profit status required)	\$120 deposit + \$25/hr. + support fees
Setup/takedown (non-event time)	\$25/hr.

(d) *Building rental fee schedule:* Building rentals are available in time blocks of:

- (1) 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.
- (2) 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
- (3) 6:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

(e) *Buildings.*

- (1) *Neighborhood centers:* Arsenal Hill, Edisto Discovery, Emily Douglas, Hampton, Heathwood, Mays, Melrose, Pacific, Sims, and St. Anna's

	Block	Setup/Takedown Additional Hours
Gated/admission (admission charged and/or controlled access) (more than 2 additional hrs. requires second block of time)	\$250	\$75/hr.
Public (no controlled access or admission fees)	\$175	\$50/hr.
City holidays	\$200	\$60/hr.
Deposit (daily rental)	\$150	N/A

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Non-profit* (*proof of non-profit status required)		\$150 deposit + \$25/hr. support fee
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(2) *Community centers: Ben Arnold, Greenview, Leroy Moss (Hyatt), Lorick, M.L. King, Pinehurst, and Woodland*

	Block	Setup/Takedown Additional Hours
Gated/admission (admission charged and/or controlled access) (more than 2 additional hrs. requires second block of time)	\$450	\$100/hr.
Public (no controlled access or admission fees)	\$300	\$75/hr.
City holidays	\$375	\$80/hr.
Deposit (daily rental)	\$200	N/A
Non-profit* (*proof of non-profit status required)	Support fees	\$200 deposit + \$75/hr. support fee
Meeting Rooms	\$100	\$30/hr.
City Holidays	\$150	\$75/hr.
Deposit (daily rental)	\$100	N/A
Non-profit*	N/A	\$100 deposit + \$25/hr. support fee

(3) *Ensor Keenan House (Non-profit rate not available Friday's & Saturday's and December 1st – January 1st)*

	Block	Setup/Takedown Additional Hours
Gated/admission (admission charged and/or controlled access) (more than 2 additional hrs. requires second block of time)	\$425	\$60/hr.
Public (no controlled access or admission fees)	\$275	\$50/hr.
City holidays	\$325	\$60/hr.
Security deposit (daily rental)	\$175 \$200	N/A
Non-profit* (*proof of non-profit status required)		\$200 deposit + \$50/hr. support fee

(4) *Earlewood Community Building (Non-profit rate not available Friday's & Saturday's and December 1st – January 1st)*

	Block	Setup/Takedown Additional Hours
Gated/admission (admission charged and/or controlled access) (more than 2 additional hrs. requires second block of time)	\$425	\$60/hr.
Public (no controlled access or admission fees)	\$350	\$75/hr.
City holidays	\$425	\$90/hr.
Deposit (daily rental)	\$300	N/A
Non-profit*		\$300 deposit + \$50/hr. support fee

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(*proof of non-profit status required)

(5) *Eau Claire Print Building* (Non-profit rate not available Friday's & Saturday's and December 1st – January 1st)

Gated/admission (admission charged and/or controlled access) (more than 2 additional hrs. requires second block of time)	\$600	\$125/hr.
Public (no controlled access or admission fees)	\$400	\$100/hr.
City holidays	\$475	\$125/hr.
Deposit (daily rental)	\$300	N/A
Non-profit* (*proof of non-profit status required)		\$300 deposit + \$50/hr. support fee

(6) *Sarah Nance Cultural Arts Center*
a. Theater

Gated/admission (admission charged and/or controlled access) (more than 2 additional hrs. requires second block of time)	\$500	\$100
Public (no controlled access or admission fees)	\$300	\$75/hr.
City holidays	\$325	\$100/hr.
Security deposit	\$200	N/A
Non-profit* (*proof of non-profit status required)		\$200 deposit + \$50 hour support fee

b. Classroom

Public (no controlled access or admission fees)	\$100	\$30/hr.
City holidays	\$150	\$75/hr.
Security deposit	\$100	N/A

(f) *Picnic shelters: Anna Mae Dickson, Earlewood, Elmwood/Roy Lynch, Emily Douglas, Greenview, Heathwood, Hollywood/Rose Hill, Lorick, Mays, Melrose, Rosewood, St. Anna's, and Sims.*

	Fee
Time block:	First come, first serve (Free)

(g) Support fees: Fee
(1) Staff.

Electrician	\$30.00
Foreman	\$30.00
BGM	\$20.00
MEO II	\$22.00
Building Host	\$25.00
Park Ranger	\$25.00

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(2) Equipment.
a. Tables and chairs.

i. Tables	\$8.00 ea./12 hrs.
ii. Chairs	\$4.00 ea./12 hrs.

b. Vehicles.

i.	2-ton truck	\$24.00/hr.
ii.	3/4-ton truck	\$10.00/hr
iii.	Mobile Stage *Non-profit	\$200 Deposit \$200 rental fee + staff support fees (*proof of non-profit status required)
iv.	Mobile stage	\$200 Deposit \$300/4 hrs. plus \$100 for each additional hr. + staff support fees
v.	*Sectional stage	\$200 deposit + staff support fees *not for general public use

(3) Services rendered.

Event cleanup:	Fee
0—499 people	\$175
500—1,499 people	\$250
1,500—above (depends on event size, time and # of food or drink vendors)	

(h) Athletics:

(1)	Adult sports.	Fee
i.	Softball	\$300/team
ii.	Basketball: 2 games/week 1 game/week	\$225/team \$175/team
iii.	Flag football	\$200/team
iv.	Volleyball	\$150/team

(2) Youth sports.

Basketball, soccer, volleyball, baseball, flag football, tennis, instructional leagues	\$25/child
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(3) Tennis.

Court fees (per person) (Columbia Tennis Center only)	\$4/hr.
Tournament fees: (Applies to the Columbia Tennis Center, Greenview Park, and Southeast Park)	\$3/person per event (singles/doubles and/or mix doubles)
One set of courts (2—6) All courts	\$93.50/day \$137.50/day

(4) Swimming.

Daily admission: Youth Adult	\$3/person \$4/person
Swim lessons	\$35/person

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Season passes:	
Youth	\$100
Adult	\$140

(5) *Golf.*

Ball rental:	
Small bucket	\$6.00
Large bucket	\$7.00

(6) *Field rental.*
a. *Soccer.*

Practice:	\$25/hr.
1 field (daily)	\$100
3+ fields	\$50/field

Multi-use:	
1 field	\$50/hr.
3+ fields	\$30/field

Security deposit	\$100
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b. *Softball/baseball*

Practice (non-league)	\$15/hr. (additional \$15/hr. for lights)
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Tournament (daily):	
1 field	\$150
Each additional field	\$100

Security deposit	\$200
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(i) *Classes/camps/programs:* Fee
(1) *Camp.*

Summer day camp	\$55/week
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Cultural arts camp	\$85/week
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Sports camp	\$55/week
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Double Dutch camp	\$55/week
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Outdoor/environmental camp	\$125/week
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After school camp	\$30/week
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Whitewater Kids Club Camp	\$100/week
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(2) *Classes.*

Adult class (standard 6 wks.)	\$80/class
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Youth class (standard 6 wks.)	\$80/class
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Art center open studio	\$70/2 months
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Adult pottery	\$80/6 weeks
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(j) *Drew Wellness Center.*

	City Resident	Non-resident
INDIVIDUAL Adult (age 18—49):		
12 months	\$264.00	\$303.60
6 months	\$198.00	\$227.70
One month	\$39.60	\$46.20

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Daily	\$6.00	\$8.00
INDIVIDUAL Senior (50+):		
12 months	\$198.00	\$227.70
6 months	\$165.00	\$190.30
One month	\$33.00	\$38.50
Daily	\$5.00	\$6.00
YOUTH (17 and younger):		
One month	\$27.00	\$33.00
Daily	\$3.00	\$4.00
FAMILY (Family of 4/max)*:		
12 months	\$396.00	\$456.50
6 months	\$297.00	\$341.00
One month	\$66.00	\$79.20
Extra child (ea.)	\$10/month	\$12/month
	\$60/year	\$72/year

*Dependent children: ages up to 23 who are claimed on main member's income taxes or insurance. Age 5 and under must be accompanied by parent or guardian at all times.

Requested by:

Parks and Recreation Director


MAYOR

Approved by:


City Manager

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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