

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending Article VI Section 86-101 through 86-119 of the Code of Ordinances to change the date when used wristbands must be returned, clarify staff responsibilities, add a definition for holiday, and change the resident pass validity from one year to three years.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Under current procedures, river outfitters turn in their unused wristbands and payments by September 15, to ensure that all river activity funds are finalized in the current fiscal year. This ordinance as currently written requires that all wristbands and final payments be due by October 15. This change will align the ordinance with current practice.

A definition for holiday is recommended to help offset extra expenses when a holiday lands on a Tuesday or a Thursday. Typically, when a holiday lands on one of these days, the previous Monday or following Friday will be busy days and require extra staff to be out on the river. Most visitors consider this as part of their holiday weekend. The recommended holiday definition would include the Monday before a Tuesday holiday, and the Friday following a Thursday holiday for river management fee collection.

The River Advisory Committee has recommended that this ordinance be updated to change the validity of the resident pass from one year to three years. This recommendation comes as a result of river recreation public input meetings where citizens voiced a request to expand the resident pass validity, so they would not have to come get a new pass every year. This recommendation will result in less staff time to produce passes.

There are additional “housekeeping” or administrative changes to the ordinance that align it with current practices.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

It is not possible to make an accurate estimate of additional revenue or expenses at this time.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At its meeting on May 18, 2107 the River Advisory Committee unanimously recommended the Council change the validity of the resident pass from one year to three years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance revisions to change the date when used wristbands must be returned, clarify staff responsibilities, add a definition for holiday, and change the resident pass validity from one year to three years.