



City of North Port

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, REDUCING AND ELIMINATING CERTAIN FEES RELATED TO WARM MINERAL SPRINGS PARK; AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, APPENDIX A, SECTION G – PARKS AND RECREATION FEES; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of North Port responds to community needs by providing a robust, active system of Parks & Recreation facilities, programs, events, and services that increase wellness and enrich life experiences; and

WHEREAS, the City operates Warm Mineral Spring Park, providing water-based recreational services to more than 130,000 visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has the duty, right, power, and authority to levy and collect fees for City services rendered; and

WHEREAS, the City's fees provide funding for the purpose of providing services to the residents of the City of North Port; and

WHEREAS, the City Fee Structure is codified as Appendix A to the Code of the City of North Port, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to enhance equitable access to Warm Mineral Springs Park by reducing and eliminating certain fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that these amendments serve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 – FINDINGS

1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this ordinance by reference.

SECTION 2 – ADOPTION

2.01 Appendix A of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida is hereby amended as follows:

“APPENDIX A – CITY FEE STRUCTURE

The following establishes the fees for the city.

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G. PARKS AND RECREATION FEES

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Warm Mineral Springs Admission	
Resident*	
Daily—child (5 years of age and under)	Free
Daily—child (5 years of age and under)—extended evening hours	Free
Daily—student (6—17 years of age)	\$8.00 \$11.25 (\$10.51 + 0.74 sales tax)
Daily—student (6—17 years of age)—extended evening hours	\$5.00 (\$4.67 + 0.33 sales tax)
Daily—adult (18 years of age and older)	\$8.00 \$15.00 (\$14.02 + 0.98 sales tax)
Daily—adult (18 years of age and older)—extended evening hours	\$6.00 (\$5.61 + 0.39 sales tax)
10 visit pass—not unique to a single patron; good for 10 visits within one year of purchase; non-refundable; cannot be exchanged; and cannot be reissued if lost/stolen.	\$112.50 (\$105.14 + 7.36 sales tax)
30-day pass—adult (18 years of age and older) good for 30 visits within one year of purchase	\$150.00 (\$140.19 + 9.81 sales tax)
Annual—Sarasota County & North Port resident—adult (18 years of age and older)	\$1,125.00 (\$1,051.40 + 73.60 sales tax)
*Sarasota County residents qualify for the resident rate	
Non-Resident	
Daily—child (5 years of age and under)	Free
Daily—child (5 years of age and under)—extended evening hours	Free
Daily—student (6—17 years of age)	\$11.00 \$15.00 (\$14.02 + 0.98 sales tax)
Daily—student (6—17 years of age)—extended evening hours	\$5.00 (\$4.67 + 0.33 sales tax)
Daily—adult (18 years of age and older)	\$11.00 \$20.00 (\$18.69 + 1.31 sales tax)
Daily—adult (18 years of age and older)—extended evening hours	\$8.00 (\$7.48 + 0.52 sales tax)
10 visit pass—not unique to a single patron; good for 10 visits within one year of purchase; non-refundable; cannot be exchanged; and cannot be reissued if lost/stolen.	\$150.00 (\$140.19 + 9.81 sales tax)
30-day pass—adult (18 years of age and older) good for 30 visits within one year of purchase	\$200.00 (\$186.92 + 13.08 sales tax)

Annual—adult (18 years of age and older)	\$2,000.00 (\$1,869.16 + 130.84 sales tax)
Discounted Admission	
School scheduled educational field trips (students and chaperones)	\$5.00 (\$4.67 + 0.33 sales tax) per student and per chaperone (up to 1 chaperone per 4 students)
Charter/tour buses (groups of 20 or more)	<u>\$11.00 per person</u> \$15.00 (\$14.02 + 0.98 sales tax) per person
The City may negotiate additional discounted admission rates via contract with tourism-related entities.”	

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this ordinance and any other ordinance, in whole or in part, the provisions of this ordinance will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

4.01 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional, that provision will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION 5 – CODIFICATION

5.01 In this ordinance, additions are shown as underlined and deletions as ~~strikethrough~~. Any additional codification information and notations appear in *italics*. These editorial notations are not intended to appear in the codified text.

SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE

6.01 This ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption.

READ BY TITLE ONLY at first reading by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on April 11, 2023.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, on the second and final reading in public session on April 25, 2023.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

 BARBARA LANGDON
 MAYOR

ATTEST

HEATHER FAUST, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

AMBER L. SLAYTON, B.C.S.
CITY ATTORNEY