

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Increase in Lee Street Boat Launch Fees

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend approval to increase the service fees for the Lee Street Boat Launch Operations. The additional revenue will be placed in the Charges for Services/Boat Launch Fees Account No. 239-0000-531.60-25.

Justification:

Daily boat launch passes currently cost \$6.00 and we propose increasing them to \$7.00. Seasonal (yearly) boat launch passes currently cost \$30.00 and we propose increasing them to \$35.00. Vehicle parking currently costs \$1.00 and we propose increasing it to \$2.00. Boat launch fees were last increased on January 1, 2006. Facilities with the same type of service in other locations have increased their boat launch fees by 20 to 30 percent over the past few years. It is recommended that the proposed increase in rates become effective January 1, 2009. The rise in fees will increase revenue and offset the rising cost of maintaining the boat launch. The revenue will also help pay for staffing and maintenance of the facility.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.