

RESOLUTION NO. 133 - 2025

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING
AN ADJUSTED FEE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
AND IMPROVEMENT OF PARKS WITHIN THE
CITY OF BAKERSFIELD (ALL WARDS)**

WHEREAS, Chapter 15.82 of the Bakersfield Municipal Code requires the Recreation and Parks Director submit an annual report to the City Council with updated, new or additional information regarding the Park Development and Improvement fee amount to be collected for each new dwelling unit, and that a public hearing shall be conducted if the City Council determines that the fee schedule should be adjusted; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2025, said Recreation and Parks Director's report was submitted to the City Council to consider adjustment of a fee for the purposes of developing and improving parks and recreational facilities within the City of Bakersfield; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2025, the City Council held a Public Hearing to receive public comment regarding the proposed adjusted Park Development and Improvement Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, informational notices were mailed to the Kern County Builder's Exchange, the American Institute of Architects Golden Empire, and to North of the River Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, the laws and regulations relating to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City of Bakersfield's CEQA Implementation Procedures have been duly followed by city staff and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a fee adjustment is exempt from CEQA in accordance with State CEQA Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule, where there is certainty the act of adoption of the fee will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, new residential development generates a need for improved public parks and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the fee addresses the City of Bakersfield's particular needs for the provision of improved local public parks for new residential development; and

WHEREAS, Policy Three of the Parks Element of the Metropolitan Bakersfield 2016 General Plan requires new residential development to provide improvements and/or in-lieu fees for parks; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Section 66001 of the Government Code have been met; and

WHEREAS, the latest Construction Cost Index for Los Angeles region has increased as shown in Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the cost to develop a typical 10-acre park continuously increases; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, from time to time, may consider adjustment to the fee schedule to reflect new information affecting the fee, as specified in Ordinance No. 3327; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the fee shall be levied as follows, except as specified as exempt in Ordinance No. 3327:

Single Family Dwelling	\$3,278
Duplex Dwelling Unit	\$3,278
Multiple Family Dwelling Unit	\$3,278
Mobile Home	\$3,278

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bakersfield, as follows:

1. The Council finds and determines that the above recitals, incorporated herein, are true and correct.
2. All required public notices have been given.
3. The provisions of CEQA have been followed.
4. The adjustment in the fee is Exempt from State CEQA Guidelines under Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule and duly noticed for public review.
5. The fee is in the public interest and is necessary for public convenience, health, welfare and safety.
6. The fee established by this resolution is for the purposes of developing, improving and/or enhancing public parks and recreation facilities within the City of Bakersfield.
7. The fee shall be used to defray all or a portion of the cost of developing, improving or enhancing of public parks and

recreation facilities serving new residential developments.

8. These parks and recreation facilities shall be identified in the capital improvement plan, the Parks Element of the Metropolitan Bakersfield 2016 General Plan, or other comprehensive plans concerning parks.
9. There is a reasonable relationship between the fee's use and the type of development project on which the fee will be imposed because the fee is calculated in relationship to the number of people residing in the development and the current estimated cost of developing, improving or enhancing of public parks and recreation facilities.
10. There is a reasonable relationship between the amount of the fee and the cost of parks and recreational facilities or portion thereof attributable to the residential development which the fee is imposed.
11. There is a reasonable relationship between the need for parks and recreational facilities and the type of development project on which the fee is imposed because new residential dwelling unit development creates or contributes an additional demand for developed parks and recreational facilities at the level of service (standard rate) required by the General Plan.
12. The requirements of Section 66001 of the Government Code have been met.
13. The requirements of Bakersfield Municipal Code Chapter 15.82 relative to the Recreation and Parks Director's Annual Report have been met.
14. Such fee as stated above is hereby approved and adopted, effective January 1, 2026 following adoption of this resolution.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted, by the Council of the City of Bakersfield at a regular meeting thereof held on NOV - 5 2025 by the following vote:

YES
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER ARIAS, GONZALES, ~~WEIR~~, SMITH, KOMAN, BASHIRTASH, KAUR
COUNCILMEMBER _____
COUNCILMEMBER _____
COUNCILMEMBER Wojcik

Julie Drimakis

JULIE DRIMAKIS, MMC
CITY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of
the Council of the City of
Bakersfield

APPROVED: NOV - 5 2025
Karen Goh
KAREN GOH
Mayor of the City of Bakersfield

APPROVED as to form
VIRGINIA GENNARO, CITY ATTORNEY

By: *Viridiana Gallardo-King*
VIRIDIANA GALLARDO-KING
Deputy City Attorney II

Attachments: Exhibit A - Construction Cost Index Calculation

EXHIBIT A

Construction Cost Index - Los Angeles*
CCI

Jul-24	\$	15,315.12
Aug-24	\$	15,379.68
Sep-24	\$	15,374.24
Oct-24	\$	15,432.36
Nov-24	\$	15,579.98
Dec-24	\$	15,587.04
Jan-25	\$	15,592.48
Feb-25	\$	15,600.86
Mar-25	\$	15,778.36
Apr-25	\$	15,979.67
May-25	\$	15,977.14
Jun-25	\$	15,977.39
Jul-25	\$	15,977.64

		<u>15,315.12</u>		
% Change		<u>15,977.64</u>		
	<u>4.33%</u>	<u>662.52</u>		
		0.0433	4.33%	

*Date from: https://www.enr.com/economics/historical_indices/losangeles

