

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM VI



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

September 10, 2012 City Council Meeting

From: Krystal Alpers, Parks and Recreation Director

Subject: City Council to consider Ordinance #04-13, to establish a fee in the amount of \$25.00 per week as a fee for the Afterschool Program.

Recommended Motion:

Councilor moves: "I move the Franklin City Council adopts Ordinance #04-13, concerning the establishment of a \$25.00 per week fee for the Afterschool Program at the Parks and Recreation Department by a roll call vote.

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and the vote.

Discussion:

For several years the school offered an after school program through Casey Family Services for the middle school and elementary school. Casey Family Services has decided to eliminate the after school and summer programs in the City of Franklin. The after school program accepted about 70 children at the elementary level and 70 at the middle school level. With the closing of Casey, the City of Franklin no longer has any afterschool care for families with the exception of a couple small in home daycares.

During the budget discussions I believe the school stated they would be offering an afterschool program. However, based on a conversation that I had with Dr. Ward, she stated that the afterschool program factored into the schools budget will be an academic based program. It will be an extension to the school day of 1.5 hours for SELECTED students in need – based on who the teachers feel need the extra academic help. Therefore, there is still a need for an afterschool program in this community for those families that do not have students in need of extra academic help.

Currently I am receiving calls daily from residents asking what there is for their children to do afterschool. Therefore, I have run some budgetary numbers and believe I can offer an afterschool program through the Recreation Department for 60 students that will be offset by revenues. Without having the costs associated with busses, field trips, etc. the main expenses of an afterschool program is staff, snack and limited supplies. I have been able to find a program through the Department of Education that will fund an afterschool snack and I anticipate offsetting the remainder of expenses through user fees.

The afterschool program would be based out of the current Recreation center until we move to Rowell. It would start at 2:30pm when the Elementary School gets out and run until 6:00pm. The program will accept children ages 5-13 years old. Students will have an opportunity to do

their homework, have a snack, engage in physical activity, arts & crafts and other activities on a daily basis. The program will cost \$25.00 per week, per child. I am working with the Department of Health and Human Services so that I can bill the state for child care if the families are eligible, which I currently do for my summer program. I will maintain the 10 children to 1 staff member ratio with an Event Supervisor to oversee the daily operations.

Fiscal Impact: See attached budget

Alternatives: Currently, there are not other options for child care after the school day in the City of Franklin. Therefore, this may become a problem for some families to stay employed if they need to care for their children afterschool or many children will go home to fend for themselves at an extremely young age so their parents can work to support their family.

Attachments/Exhibits: 1. Budget
2. Public Hearing Notice
3. Ordinance #04-13



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ORDINANCE #04-13

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AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve;

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin that the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1 Fees charged for service by the City of Franklin be changed as follows:

	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Change To</u>
Afterschool Program Fee	\$0	\$25/week

Fee to be effective September 1, 2012

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Boyd	_____	Councilor Feener	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Sharon	_____
Councilor Cournoyer	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____
Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Trudel	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____		

A True Copy Attested: _____

City Clerk

Passed: _____
Date

Approved: _____

Mayor



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CITY OF FRANKLIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING

In accordance with the provision of Chapter 31, Division 2 of the Franklin Municipal Code, notice is hereby given that the City of Franklin will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 10 2012 at 6:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall concerning Ordinance #04-13 regarding Chapter 160, Fees of the Municipal Code to establish a \$25.00 weekly fee for an Afterschool Program through the Parks and Recreation Department