



# CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of July 28, 2026  
Second Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of August 11, 2026

**DATE:** July 28, 2026  
**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager  
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### Ordinance Amending the Beach Parking Permit Fee

#### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending Sec. 10-86(a)(1) of the Code of Ordinances, by increasing the beach parking permit fee from \$12.00 to \$20.00; and providing an effective date.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Revenue from beach parking permit fees is used to help compensate a portion of the costs pertaining to beach-related services incurred by the City of Port Aransas, City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County. The cost of maintaining and providing beach-related services, including costly beach renourishment projects within the jurisdictions, has increased beyond revenue generated from the current permit price.

The purpose of this item is to incorporate a previously approved amendment to an existing Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between all three governing bodies for the Mustang and North Padre Islands Beach Parking Permit System. The ILA amendment includes an increase to beach parking permit fees. Therefore, Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances requires an amendment to revise applicable rates, fees, and charges related to beach user fees

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

In 2002, City Council approved the initial ILA with Nueces County and the City of Port Aransas for the issuance, sale, enforcement, and mutual recognition of the Padre Island and Gulf beach parking permits within the jurisdictions of each entity. This ILA established the beach parking permit fee at \$6.00.

On September 30, 2025, the City of Port Aransas Mayor and City of Port Aransas City Manager met with the Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department and the Nueces County Parks & Recreation Department to propose amendments to the current ILA. With an amendment in 2004 to raise the fee from \$6.00 to \$12.00, the ILA remained in place with little discussion.

On February 17, 2026, City Council approved the second amendment to the ILA to increase the annual beach parking fee from \$12.00 to \$20.00 for the Mustang and North Padre

Islands Beach Parking Permit System. City Staff conducted research on local municipalities on the beach parking permit rates for comparison. Cameron County on South Padre Island charges \$100 for an annual beach user pass and the City of Galveston charges \$50 for a seasonal beach parking pass and an additional \$45 for an annual seawall parking pass.

Port Aransas City Council approved the amended ILA at their regular meeting held on January 15, 2026. Nueces Council Board of Commissioners approved the amended ILA on March 25, 2026. As recommended by the Texas General Land Office (GLO), all participating entities must honor each other's permits for the permit to remain valid countywide.

As a requirement, the next steps include submitting the revised Beach Management Plan and Beach User Fee Plan incorporating the new beach permit rate to GLO for review and approval. The GLO will post the fee change for a 30-day public comment period and then review those comments before providing final approval. The new beach parking permit rate is set to take effect in January 2027 if approved by GLO.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council may choose not to approve the proposed amendment to increase the beach parking permit fee from \$12.00 to \$20.00. However, by not increasing the beach parking permit fee, there will be a financial burden to the operating budgets for each entity and impact services to maintain a safe/clean public beach for visitors and residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increasing in beach parking permit fee is projected to generate an additional \$2,599,019 in revenue for the City of Corpus Christi Beach Operations.

### **FUNDING DETAIL:**

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Fund:                  | 1020        |
| Department:            | 27          |
| Organization/Activity: | 12950       |
| Project # (CIP Only):  | N/A         |
| Account:               | 302360      |
| Amount:                | \$2,599,019 |

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend approval of the ordinance amending Sec. 10-86(a)(1) of the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Beachfront Management and Construction, by revising applicable rates, fees, and charges related to beach user fees.

### **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement  
Beach Management Plan  
Ordinance  
Presentation