



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 17, 2026

DATE: February 10, 2026
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Amendment to an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Mustang & North Padre Islands Beach Parking Permit System & an Increase in Beach Parking Permit Fees

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the second amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Mustang and North Padre Islands Beach Parking Permit System between the City of Corpus Christi, City of Port Aransas, and Nueces County to increase the beach parking permit fees and modify the revenue distribution, beginning in calendar year 2027.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is to amend the existing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) to increase the beach parking permit fees and modify the revenue distribution. Revenue from beach parking permits is used to help compensate a portion of the costs pertaining to beach-related services incurred by all three governing bodies. 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.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On February 19, 2002, City Council approved an interlocal agreement (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. With an amendment in 2004 to raise the fee, the ILA has remained in place with little discussion.

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 two amendments on the current ILA:

The first proposal is to amend the annual beach parking permit price from \$12 to \$20. 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.

The second proposal is to reconsider the current revenue sharing mechanism among three participating entities. Under the current ILA, revenue generated from the sale of beach permits is divided among three entities in proportion to the linear feet of beach frontage that each entity is required to maintain under State law. Under the new proposed mechanism, each entity will manage its own permit system while managing separate revenue records. Under the revenue distribution model, City of Port Aransas will receive 84% and the County will receive 16% of all revenue from permit sales physically sold within the Port Aransas city limits. City of Corpus Christi, under the new revenue distribution model, will receive 84% and County will receive 16% of all revenue from permit sales physically sold outside the Port Aransas city limits, including within the Corpus Christi city limits.

As recommended by the Texas General Land Office, all participating entities must honor each other's permits in order for the permit to remain valid countywide. City of Port Aransas presented the amended ILA to their respective council during the regular council meeting held on January 15, 2026. Nueces Council Board of Commissioners will consider the amended ILA on February 25, 2026. Upon receiving approval from the governing bodies of all participating entities, the revised beach management plan that incorporate the new beach permit rate and the new revenue distribution model will require approval from the GLO. 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 move forward with the proposed model. 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 permit fees will provide a total net increase in revenue for the City of Corpus Christi Beach Operations.

FUNDING DETAIL:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution to amend the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between City of Corpus Christi and City of Port Aransas and Nueces County for the Mustang and North Padre Islands Beach Parking Permit System to increase the annual beach parking permit fee from \$12 to \$20 and to change the current revenue distribution model.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Draft Interlocal Cooperation Agreement
Resolution
Presentation