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Ordinance Amending Beach Parking Permit Fees

City Council: July 28, 2026

BACKGROUND:

- 2002 - City Council approved an initial ILA with Nueces County & Port Aransas for the issuance, sale and enforcement of beach parking permits within the jurisdictions of each entity.
- The initial ILA established the beach parking permit fee at \$6.00.
- 2004 – The ILA was amended to increase the fee to \$12.00
- The ILA was amended and approved to increase the beach permit fee from \$12 to \$20:
 - January 15, 2026 – approved by Port Aransas City Council
 - February 17, 2026 - approved Corpus Christi City Council
 - March 25, 2026 – approved Nueces County Board of Commissioners



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Beach Parking Permit Fees:

- Revenue from parking permits is used to help compensate a portion of costs pertaining to beach-related services incurred by all three governing bodies.
- Costs for beach-related services, including beach renourishment projects, has increased beyond revenue generated from current permit price.
- City Staff conducted research on local municipalities to compare beach parking permit rates:
 - Cameron County/South Padre Island: \$100 Annual Beach User Pass
 - City of Galveston: \$50 Seasonal Beach Parking Pass & additional \$45 Annual Seawall Parking Pass.



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Next Steps:

- Submit a revised Beach Management Plan & Beach User Fee Plan incorporating the new beach permit rate to the Texas General Land Office for review & approval.
- GLO will post the fee increase for a 30-day public comment period & 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.



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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Beachfront Management & Construction, by increasing the beach parking permit fee from \$12 to \$20.



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