



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

(Parks and Recreation Board)

Recommendation Number: (YYYYMMDD-XXX): Alcohol Sales in Parks

WHEREAS, city code prohibits the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages within a public recreation area; and

WHEREAS, city code permits alcoholic beverages in the spectating area of Krieg and Havins Softball Complexes, at a golf course, in a campsite, which is reserved for a specific person or event, or when an approval authorizes the possession, sale, or consumption by a person or for an event at a public recreation area; and

WHEREAS, food and beverage vendors at city parks are requesting conditional use permits to allow for permanent alcohol sales; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that requests for these conditional use permits will increase; and

WHEREAS, there is no guidance from City Council or other city departments on the proper restrictions or considerations for permanent alcohol sales on public park property; and

WHEREAS, the site location of vendors requesting permission to sell alcoholic beverages could be close to designated children's areas, bodies of water, or other recreation sites which could pose a safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, alcohol sales on city property could necessitate increased staffing within the Parks and Recreation Department, Austin Police Department, or other city departments; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board and the Planning Commission have approval authority over conditional use permits designating an area of a park as appropriate for alcohol sale, but City Code contains no guiding factors or conditions to consider in deciding on the land use change to the property which is designated in the conditional use permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends to Austin City Council that each applicant requesting a conditional use permit must provide:

- justification to sell alcoholic beverages;
- evidence of security systems in place to enforce local laws related to alcohol consumption;
- evidence that sales are not near bodies of water or children's areas; and
- indication of community engagement on whether parks users want alcohol sales.

Date of Approval: _____

Record of the vote: (Unanimous on a 7-0 vote, 4-3 vote with names of those voting no listed)

Attest: _____

(Staff or board member can sign)

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