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Memorandum 21-019

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: January 14, 2021
SUBJECT: Moratorium on Fee Collection – Park Pavilion Rentals

I am recommending that Council pass a resolution directing staff to enact a moratorium on collecting fees for the rental of park pavilions through May 27, 2021. No amendment to the fee schedule is required as there is no intent to change the fee. Fee collection would resume in time for Memorial Day weekend.

Background

Staff, and Council through the passage of Resolution 20-130, are doing their best to support and encourage outdoor recreation. Starting December 4, 2020 I began meeting regularly with a group of staff to discuss winter recreation issues. This group has been referenced in previous City Manager reports as “winter recreation champions.” One actionable idea which has come from this team is the temporary removal of fees to use park facilities. In 2020, pavilion rentals generated approximately \$1000 in revenue. If a fee moratorium is enacted, reservations will still be required, but we would be removing a barrier to usage for some folks who may be having economic issues related to COVID and can’t afford other options away from their home to safely gather and recreate.

Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution 21-011