

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2022-56

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Bowman, Priestly Jackson, Salem, Morgan, Pittman, Carrico, White, Diamond, Becton and Ferraro

Date of Introduction: January 25, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: January 25, 2022

Type of Action: *Ordinance Code* amendment and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill amends Chapter 123, *Ordinance Code* to create a new Section 123.108 (Military and Veterans' Appreciation Program; Reduction of certain park fees for military and veterans), Part 1 (In General), Chapter 123 (Public Fees), *Ordinance Code*.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to approve a Military and Veterans Appreciation Program, wherein the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is authorized to reduce current daily admission fees by half at Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park and Huguenot Memorial Park (which may be applied to car, pedestrian and biker admission but not on annual passes) for all active military service members, veterans, and their immediate family members (spouse and children with valid military identification), regardless of residency in Jacksonville. To qualify, at the time of admission one must produce a state issued military ID, DD214 ID, or veteran ID. The Military and Veterans Appreciation Program began as a yearlong pilot program, June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022, and was deemed successful enough to now become a permanent fee reduction program.

Policy Impact Area: Park admission fees for active service members and veterans - Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park and Huguenot Memorial Park

Fiscal Impact: The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department reported recently that the total discount provided via the program in the first 6 months of operation was approximately \$25,000 in lost revenue.

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